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Merson community mourns loss of store destroyed by fire

By Gari Voss

The call came to Gobles Pine Grove Fire Chief Brian Cronk at 5:58am that smoke was pouring from the north-west section of Merson Store at M-40 and 102nd Avenue. By the time Gobles Pine Grove and Allegan Fire Departments arrived a little after 6am, the store was engulfed in flames and moving fast with smoke too thick for any visibility.

“This is an old building,” stated Fire Chief Brian Cronk. “There was a lot of plastic and merchandise.”

“The aging structure, plastic, foam, and merchandise make a huge fuel load,” explained Allegan Fire Chief Nick Brink.

When the firefighters began arriving, they had to break down doors and use an excavator to peel away the metal roof for better access.

The operation required six fire departments on site. Gobles, Allegan, Gun Plain, Otsego and Bloomingdale Fire Departments brought tankers. With no fire hydrants in rural areas, the departments rely on tankers to bring water from nearby lakes. Bloomingdale had the equipment to load the tankers from the fill-site on Baseline Lake. Water was pumped from the tankers into the dump tank that was erected in the intersection.

Because of the early morn-



Firefighters gained access to the store by breaking down doors and peeling back the metal roof. Photo: G. Voss

ing hour, involving the number of fire departments was imperative. In addition to the tankers and equipment, Lee Fire Department was called to bring their ladder truck. Add Gobles’ pumper, squad, and pickups, the only piece that was absolutely necessary was the volunteers.

“This is a difficult time of day for responders,” shared Chief Cronk. “Some are just getting off work and others are headed to work. We are fortunate that some companies understand when workers are leaving early or arriving late for work.”

“One rule we try to follow is to have enough people to cover the first group of fire-

fighters and provide backup to give breaks,” shared Chief Brink. “The departments send only a few firefighters each to daytime fires, so it was difficult to keep everyone fresh as they fought the fire.”

The initial blaze was out before 10am, but smoke was still coming from sections of the building and had to be completely extinguished. It was after 11am before the last of the fire trucks pulled away from the charred remains of what was Merson Store.

As is his practice with commercial buildings, Chief Cronk called upon the Michigan State Police to do a thorough investigation on the cause of the fire and to speak

with the insurance company and owner Larry Luedecking, who had temporarily closed the store several months before after the death of his son.

The neighbors and patrons who relied on the early morning coffee and store favorites expressed their sadness at the loss of the icon that had served the community for over 40 years.

Thanks were given to not only the fire departments at the scene, but the fire departments like Hopkins, Martin, and Paw Paw who covered the stations that had sent equipment and firefighters to fight the blaze, and to the volunteers who responded to the call.

Do you need help? Write Us!

By Mike Wilcox
Owner/Publisher

Every year, as the Christmas season draws near, I’m reminded just how generous our communities can be. For nearly two decades, Wilcox Newspapers has hosted what’s become one of my favorite traditions: our Annual Christmas Wish Program.

It started simply enough. We asked readers who were struggling to write in and tell us what would make their Christmas a little brighter. The idea was to connect local families in need with local people who wanted to help. Over the years, it’s grown into something truly special—and this year, we’re doing it again.

Lately, I’ve heard from more families than ever who are struggling to make ends meet. The rising cost of everyday necessities, from groceries and gas to rent and utilities, has stretched household budgets thin. It’s been a tough year for a lot of people, and many are finding themselves in need of a little extra help just to get by.

If you or your family are going through a difficult time, I encourage you to write to us and be as specific as you can. Tell us about your situation, your family, and how we might help make your holiday a little brighter. Most importantly, explain why you need our help. We prefer you email us at wilcoxnewspapers@gmail.com, but if you don’t have access to a computer, you can always mail a letter to P.O. Box 189, Allegan, MI 49010.

Over the years, I’ve been amazed at the generosity that pours in from our readers and advertisers. One afternoon, while vacuuming our new office, I noticed an envelope on the floor. Inside were ten \$100 bills—no note, no name, just a quiet act of kindness from someone who wanted to help. Another time, a donor sent \$2,000. Several more gave \$1,000 each. For a Scrooge like me, it’s humbling to see just how deeply people here care for one another.

Last year alone, we were able to raise more than \$20,000 in cash and gifts, helping over 70 families enjoy the holidays. This year, our goal is even higher. We hope to assist at least 100 families within our circulation areas.

I’ve always believed in the saying, “We take care of our own,” and nowhere is that truer than in the communities we serve. So, if you legitimately need help this Christmas, and I stress LEGITIMATELY, please reach out to us. And if you’re in a position to give, know that your generosity can change someone’s holiday, and maybe their outlook on life, for the better.

City Council re-elects Perrigo as mayor, schedules open houses

By Gari Voss

The Allegan City Council reelected Traci Perrigo as Mayor and Peter Hanse as Mayor Pro Tem then handled some previous business. Police Chief Jay Gibson reviewed statistics for 2025 and updated the council on several situations that the officers handled extremely professionally and with positive outcomes. Items to watch for will be a special presentation to Korean War Veterans and Open Houses related to the projects around Allegan during which they would like to have community input.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ACKNOWLEDGED Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025, Noon – City Hall

The community is invited and encouraged to attend the presentation of medals to Roy James of Allegan and a veteran from Paw Paw who fought in the Korean Conflict and recently, were able to travel to

Washington DC on an Honor Flight. The medals are given by the Republic of Korea to thank the American soldiers for their service in Korea during the war.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

The meeting began with the nomination of Traci Perrigo and Peter Hanse for mayor. Paper ballots found Perrigo with 4 votes and Hanse with 3 votes. Traci Perrigo will continue as Mayor. Nominations for Mayor Pro Tem placed Peter Hanse and Melanie Hooker on the ballot. Paper ballots placed Hanse with 5 votes and Hooker with 2 votes. Peter Hanse will return as Mayor Pro Tem.

PRESENTATION

Mary Colborn of the Allegan Food Alliance explained that the Allegan Food Alliance is the official food “police” council for the county. Colborn quickly shared the work of the Alliance as they look at the larger food picture for the

county to facilitate connecting, gathering, sharing and transforming the food system. The group has already assisted in establishing seed libraries and creating raised vegetable gardens for groups in the county. Another piece they are working at is mapping where there are restaurants and food sources. In this way, they can identify “food deserts” that need attention. Using the current grant, the Alliance is holding listening sessions in each quadrant of the county. The final one will be in Wayland on Tuesday. This will lead to distributing surveys and developing focus groups across the county. The Alliance’s overall goal is to determine how to create a resilient, strong food system so when problems arise at the state or federal levels, Allegan County can meet the food needs of its residents. The listening sessions - Come to the table, your voice, your food, your future – have already begun determining strengths and needs. One

piece the group is wondering about is whether there can be a location for a year round farm market. At this time, the group is looking for people to be part of the task force to move the Alliance and food stability into the future.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

This was the Public Hearing, Second Reading and adoption of Ordinance 532 regarding the rezoning of parcels 03-51200-016-00 and 03-51-235-004-00 (Formerly the Girl Scout Property) from MDR - Medium Density Residential District to a PUD - Planned Unit Development District and the Preliminary Review of a thirty-eight (38) unit mixed density residential development. In addition, Allegan Development Co., LLC would turn over the lower portion of the acreage to the Allegan Conservation District to use for an Outdoor Learning Lab.

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Letts pleads to 4 charges, 33 dismissed

An Allegan County man originally charged with 37 sex-related crimes has pleaded no contest to four of them.

Casey Letts, 33, faced numerous charges stemming from a 2024 investigation that uncovered disturbing online and in-person behavior. Letts entered no contest pleas to one count of capturing or distributing child sexually abusive material, two counts of using a computer to commit a crime, and one count of second-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Authorities say Letts downloaded and shared large quantities of child pornography through social media apps Telegram and Instagram. The activity was first flagged by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which alerted the Michigan State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Allegan County Sheriff's Office.

According to a probable cause affidavit investigators collected extensive digital and physical evidence against Letts. Many details were described as too graphic to release publicly. Among the allegations, Letts was accused of sexually assaulting a woman while she was asleep, exposing himself at a Pullman-area church, and taking inappropriate photos up a woman's dress. Investigators also allege he exposed himself at a Dollar General in Hamilton and shared video of the incident online.

Authorities said Letts' sexual behavior appeared to be escalating, including filming young women leaving stores and recording females in their yards without consent.

In total, prosecutors authorized 37 felony charges in 2024, including criminal sexual conduct, possession and distribution of child sexually abusive material, indecent exposure, and unauthorized recording.

After his plea on November 10, 33 of the original charges were dismissed. Letts is scheduled to be sentenced on December 8 at 9 a.m.

Wayland Union Schools awarded COPS office SVPP grant

District Security Officer, Matt Miller, states, "Our district's number one goal is to provide a safe, secure environment for our students and staff, and this grant will continue to allow us the opportunity to provide the highest level of service to the community that we serve."

For Wayland Union Schools, the SVPP grant will fund upgrades to the video surveillance systems, providing situational awareness across the district. The upgraded system will feature high-quality video coverage, and the ability to securely share video with law enforcement in the event of an emergency. The new cloud-based platform is faster, more reliable, and meets federal cybersecurity standards.

"This grant gives us the ability to take a major step forward in protecting our students and staff," explained Getter. "By upgrading to a secure, modern surveillance system, we are enhancing not just our ability to respond to emergencies, but also our day-to-day ability to create a safe, welcoming place to learn and work."

Upgrades to the current system are set to begin in Fall 2025, with equipment purchasing, installation and staff training occurring in phases through Spring 2026.

Teresa Fulk, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, would like to acknowledge all the hard work and time that went into making this project possible for our students.

"We appreciate Mr. Getter's leadership in pursuing this grant. These upgrades help ensure that our students and staff have the safest and most effective learning environment possible" stated Mrs. Fulk. "Applying for and managing grants requires significant time and effort, it's worthwhile because they bring valuable resources that benefit our entire district. We're also grateful to the district staff who will support the purchase, installation, training, and implementation processes that make these improvements a reality."

For more information on the SVPP, visit their website at <https://cops.usdoj.gov/svpp>.

Meals on Wheels offers new Pop Up Site in Allegan

Meal on Wheels has been able to deliver meals to Allegan County residents thanks to the work of the kitchen staff and volunteers at Meals on Wheels of West Michigan in Grandville. In addition to home delivery, Meals on Wheels also offers community dining sites, a senior pantry, and liquid nutritional supplements.

Currently, there are only two Community Dining Sites in Allegan County – Baraga Manor Senior Apartments in Otsego and the Hopkins United Methodist Church. When the members of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Allegan learned this, they contacted Christa Nesky, the Community Programs Assistant Manager in Grand Rapids.

Nesky explained that Good Shepherd would be a perfect site for a Pop Up Lunch. The date for the first lunch will be Friday, November 14, 2025, at the Good Shepherd Church, 101 N. Walnut St., Allegan.

The doors will open at 11am, and those in attendance will have time to visit or play a game. Lunch will be served beginning at Noon. The offerings will include savory beef pot roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and a fruit side.

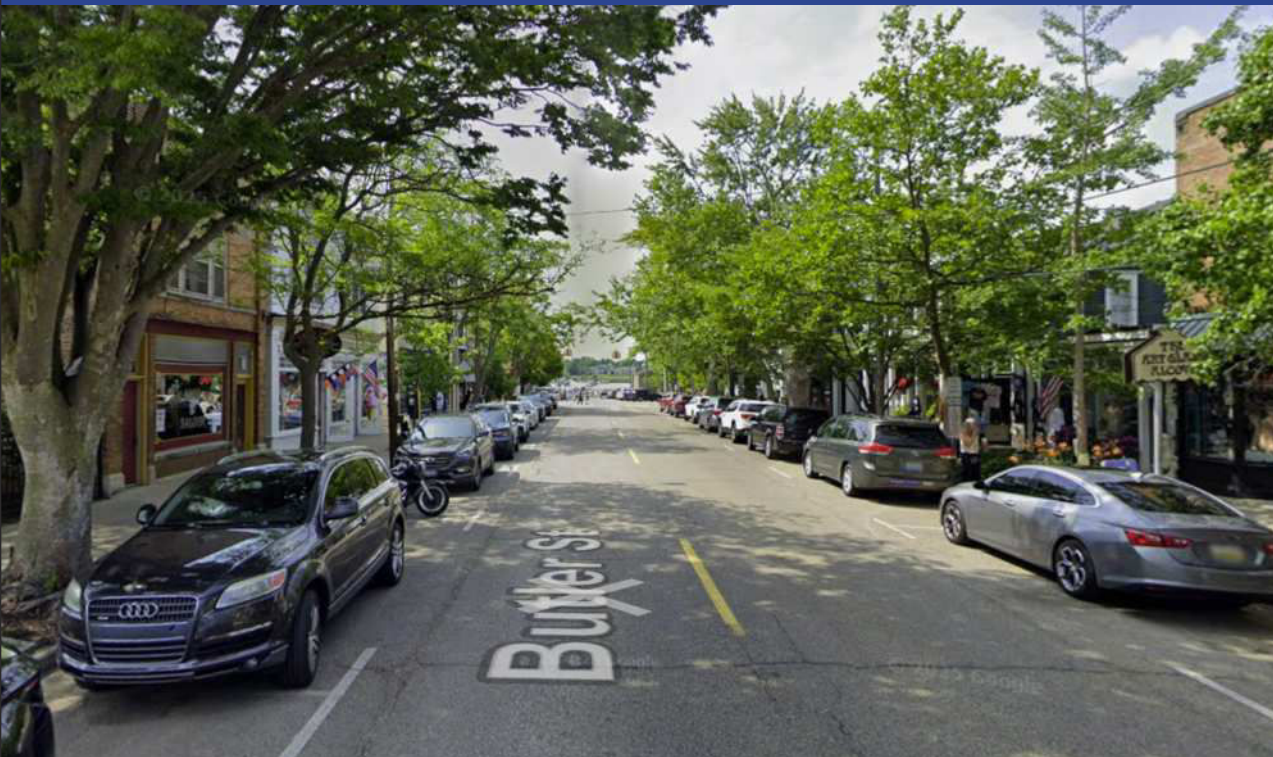
The goal is to promote community, so there are no takeout meals. For "customers" 60+, Meals on Wheels asks for a \$3.50 donation. For those under 60, there is a required \$5 fee for the meal.

If possible, Nesky asks that those planning to attend the gathering call 616 459-3111 and RSVP as soon as possible to ensure there will be enough food for all.

Meals on Wheels organizers realize that there are some people who would like to gather with friends or make new friends, and there's nothing quite like sharing a meal. Their Community Dining Sites are great places for eligible seniors to eat a nutritious lunch, chat with volunteers, and build relationships with their peers. Each location offers a monthly menu that's designed to reflect cultural and community needs and preferences—and some even offer bonus activities—so there's always something to look forward to.

Please RSVP if possible at 616 459-3111, but walk ins are welcome. Watch for the December Pop Up meal.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



From the boutiques along Saugatuck's Butler Street to the shops of Allegan's Locust Street and Plainwell's North Main, local retailers bring warmth, charm, and community spirit to Allegan County's downtowns. All photos from Google Maps.

SALUTE TO RETAILERS: Keeping the Spirit of the Season Local

As the holidays approach, Allegan County's main streets and shopfronts come alive with the warmth of the season. Twinkling lights fill the windows, wreaths adorn the doors, and the familiar faces of local shopkeepers welcome customers inside. From Plainwell to Saugatuck or Wayland to Fennville, our retailers are at the heart of the holiday spirit.

These small businesses are more than places to buy gifts. They are gathering spots where neighbors greet each other, where shoppers find something special for a loved one, and where the community's creativity shines brightest. Whether it's a boutique in Saugatuck, a thrift store in Allegan, or a family-run hardware store in Plainwell, each local retailer adds something unique to the fabric of the season.

Shopping local during the holidays means more than just convenience — it's an investment in community. Every purchase helps support local jobs, strengthens the local tax base, and keeps our downtowns thriving. The money spent here stays here, circulating back into schools, public services, and other small businesses that make Allegan County a place people are proud to call home.

For retailers, the holiday season is often the busiest time of year, bringing long hours and hard



work. Yet even amid the rush, local shop owners still find time to sponsor community drives, donate to local charities, and lend a hand to those in need. Their generosity helps ensure that the spirit of giving extends well beyond the checkout counter.

At Allegan County News, Commercial Record, and Union Enterprise, we recognize the heart and dedication of these retailers who make our communities shine.

This holiday season, we encourage readers to look close to home for their gifts and gatherings. By supporting local businesses, you're helping sustain the very people who make this county warm, welcoming, and full of cheer.

Today, we salute Allegan County's retailers — the dreamers, the doers, and the friendly faces who keep our local economy strong and our holiday traditions alive.

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ACCF celebrates 60-year anniversary, reveal strategic goals

By Gari Voss

The Allegan County Community Foundation (ACCF) transformed the basement of the Griswold Auditorium into a museum with memorabilia to celebrate their 60th anniversary and reveal their strategic goals for the future.

With ambiance set by Matt Kaynor and BC Sound and a program coordinated by Master of Ceremony Matt Grile, the evening encouraged those in attendance to complete a Scavenger Hunt which included ACCF co-founder Ethol Stone (portrayed by Spike Kunetz) assisting with answers to the clues.

Executive Director Stephanie Calhoun thanked those present, who included donors, partners, volunteers, and friends who support ACCF and help Allegan County thrive, grow and shine. “As ACCF looks ahead, we are guided by its core value that defines who we are and how we serve.”

The impact which ACCF has on communities and organizations across Allegan County was punctuated by three vignettes from groups that had received ACCF grant funds that had truly made a difference for people and programs. The video can be accessed through ACCF’s Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AlleganCountyCommunityFoundation/> or on YouTube – ACCF 60th Anniversary <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ylfptgkzoos>.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2025 Nexus Award to Rob Marciniak. Jessica Arrans, the 2024 Nexus recipient, introduced Rob. “The Nexus Award goes to a professional advisor who does more than guide clients through financial decisions. They help people imagine what’s possible when their resources are used to make life better for others. The Nexus Award celebrates the special connection when expertise meets heart and generosity that can be turned into lasting community impact. Tonight, it is my honor to recognize someone who embodies that spirit completely. Rob Marciniak is a trusted guide, a listener, and a steady hand helping navigate not just their financial futures but their hopes for the generations that follow. Rob opened the first Edward Jones office in Allegan in 1994 and has helped clients think beyond the balance sheet. True success is not only what we earn or save, but what we give back. Because of his guidance, more people in Allegan County are building legacies that will touch the lives of others for generations to come. Congratulations, Rob.”

The ACCF Board Chair Ricardo Bazan introduced the new strategic plan that would guide the foundation for the next five years. “As we celebrate 60 years of impact at the ACCF, it’s a perfect moment to look forward to the next chapter of our story. Over the past year, our team, board, and community partners have



The undercroft of the Griswold Auditorium took on a museum atmosphere as the Allegan County Community Foundation celebrated 60 years of investing funds from generous donors who believe in philanthropy and want to have their legacy continue to support the efforts of non-profits, organizations, and students.

come together to craft a bold roadmap for the future. This new strategic plan designs a future built for impact. It is more than a document. It’s a commitment. A commitment to strengthen our operations, grow our resources, and expand our leadership across Allegan County. It’s about ensuring that every donor, nonprofit, and community member continues to see the foundation as a trusted partner for positive change. We are building on a remarkable legacy while preparing for the opportunities ahead.”

Bazan went on to thank Stephanie and the staff for their vision and dedication in guiding this process. He stressed that their work assured that ACCF remains not just a funder but a leader, a conductor and a catalyst for lasting impact. He then reviewed the six goals of the new strategic plan. He assured those in attendance that

the plan is a collective promise to keep listening, keep innovating, and keep investing in the people and places that make Allegan County extraordinary. In summary, he stated, “Together ACCF and the people of Allegan County are not just celebrating 60 years but designing the next 60 years.”

The “secret” of the evening was then unveiled by ACCF treasurer Kevin Harness, who announced, “ACCF has always believed that the funds entrusted to us should work for the good of this community. That’s why we’re thrilled to announce a bold new step forward. Our commitment to impact investing. Beginning in 2026, up to 5% of the foundations’ endowment will be invested right here in Allegan County in projects and partnerships that deliver both financial return and community impact.

“What does that mean? Today, the commitment represents \$1.5 million available to support key projects to strengthen Allegan County, including affordable housing, childcare, small business development, innovative community infrastructure, and local sustainable efforts. This is philanthropy in action. Investments that do good. This isn’t just about investing dollars, it’s about investing in people, places, and the future we’re building together. 60 years of impact has brought us here, and with your partnership, our next chapter will build a stronger, more vibrant, and more resilient Allegan County for generations to come. We truly appreciate all your efforts and collab-

oration in this effort. A big impact with that amount of money can do some great things across our county. So, again, thank you for your support.”

The program concluded with the thoughts of ACCF staff and board members...

We believe in the power of community. ACCF’s actions are rooted in the voices, needs and aspirations of Allegan County residents. ACCF upholds the highest code of ethics, transparency, and stewardship in the management of resources entrusted to them. We are committed to advancing equity, offering inclusive practices, and honoring the dignity of every individual and community served. We strive to support partners that amplify collective

impact knowing that together, they can achieve more than one organization alone. We address community challenges to create lasting change. We lead with empathy and respect, serving the community with a deep sense of care, responsibility and connection. We honor the past, invest wisely in the present, and plan intentionally for a stronger future to protect the legacy and intent of donors.

Calhoun concluded, “Thank you for being part of this legacy, thank you for believing in Allegan County, and thank you for continuing this journey with us because our best chapters are still ahead. Here’s to 60 years of impact into the future we will create together.”

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Calendar - Week of November 10, 2025

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

November Holiday Canned Food Drive: Hosted by Beacon Allegan and Beacon Plainwell. Drop off cans of food or money at the hospital that will be given to the Allegan County Food Pantries.

Thurs., Nov. 13, 2025, 6pm: Hearts & Hands Carnival. The Trestle Stop, 3366 M-40, Hamilton. Community Action of Allegan County celebrates its 60th Anniversary

NEW! Fri., Nov. 14, 2025, 11am-1pm: Meals-on-Wheels Pop Up Lunch. Good Shepherd Church, 101 N. Walnut, Allegan. RSVP if possible at 616 459-3111 x143.

Fri., Nov. 14, 7pm: Girls in the Boat. Allegan Performing Arts Center, 1560 M-40, Allegan. A delightful evening of determination and hard work to become the best.

Fri., Nov. 14, 2025, 8pm: Alastair Watt - Pure MI Stand-Up Comedy Tour. Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan

Sat., Nov. 15, NOON: Korean War Vets Recognition. City Hall. All are invited.

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Now-Nov. 19, 2025: Festival of Trees Camper Fund-raiser
Help campers attend camp. Visit <https://www.face-book.com/CampKidwell/> and click on Fundraiser picture to select what you would like to purchase – frozen pies, pumpkin rolls, sugar cookies, frozen cookie dough balls, fresh wreaths, or poinsettias. Articles can be picked up on Nov. 26th, 26th or 29th. Or call 269 521-3559.

CURRENT EVENTS

Tues., Nov. 11, 2025, 6-7:30pm: Come to the Table sharing session
Leighton Township Library 4451 12th St. Wayland
Share your stories, ideas and experiences related to food whether your eat food, buy food, sell food, serve food, or grow food, join the Allegan Food Alliance with the goal of creating a vibrant, affordable, local food community across Allegan County. For information contact Mary Colborn at (269) 286-9084 or maryacolborn@gmail.com.

Wed., Nov. 12, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
2pm: Recess for Adults – All adults can join friends from The Arc of Allegan County for games, crafts and conversation.

6pm: Financial Wellness - Ashley Suarez from Fifth Third Bank will help participants learn how to manage finances.

Thurs., Nov. 13, 2025: Poverty Education Workshop
Christian Neighbors 282 12th St. Plainwell
Hosted by ACCF and facilitated by Cristian Neighbors. Come to learn the frustrations of being financially stretched. https://allegan.fcsuite.com/crp/donate/list/event?event_date_id=3575 or call ACCF 269 673-8344.

Thurs., Nov. 13, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime – 3-5 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.

4pm: TAG meeting – 8-12 graders can drop in for the Teen Advisory Group to share ideas and snacks.

6pm: Canva for Beginners – Register to learn how to navigate Canva and go over basic graphic design principles. Call 269 673-4625.

Thurs., Nov. 13, 2025, 5-7pm: DDA Open House
Allegan City Hall Trowbridge St. Allegan
All are welcome to share ideas for the future of Downtown Allegan.

Thurs., Nov. 13, 2025, 6pm: Hearts & Hands Carnival
The Trestle Stop 3366 M-40 Hamilton
Community Action of Allegan County celebrates its 60th Anniversary with an adults only evening under the Big Top. For information contact 269 673-5472 X264. For tickets go to <https://p2p.onecause.com/heartshands2025>.

Fri., Nov. 14, 2025, 11am-1pm: Meal-on-Wheels Drop in Lunch
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut Allegan
All are welcome to come for lunch, conversation and maybe a few games. Seniors are asked to donate \$3.50. All others pay \$5. RSVP if possible at 616 459-3111 x143 or just come.

Fri., Nov. 14, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
1pm: Drop-In Lego Club – 5-12 year olds can drop in to play with oodles of Legos.

6pm: Teen Tech Night – 6-12 graders can register to explore 3-D printing and play video games after hours. Call 269 673-4625.

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Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan
Alastair Watt, a small town city boy, will do stand-up comedy at the Griswold. Tickets online or at the door.

Sat., Nov. 15, 2025, NOON: Korean War Veterans Recognized
City Hall Trowbridge St. Allegan
All are invited to celebrate Korean War Vets as they receive the Ambassador of Peace Award from the Patriots and Veterans Affairs and the Republic of Korea.

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Mon., Nov. 17, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
3:30pm: Kids’ Anime Club – All ages can bring their own Beyblade spinning tops and challenge friends to see who wins!

6pm: Craftastic: Macrame Feathers – Register to make macrame feathers. Call 269 673-4625.

Mon., Nov. 17, 2025, 3-4:30pm: Grief Support Group
Ransom District Library 180 S. Sherwood Ave. Plainwell
Wings of Hope is proud to offer meaningful support to individuals navigating challenging times. Join in on a dedicated session designed to foster healing and connection.

Tues., Nov. 18, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime – 02 yr. olds can enjoy stories and activities.

4pm: TAB – Join the Tween Advisory Board to chat, chill, and chow down while brainstorming ideas, share favorite books, and spark new connections!

Tues., Nov. 18, 2025, 6:30-7:30pm: Virtual Health Hero’s Nutrition Class
Register in English or Spanish at bit.ly/familiesconnected2026.

Wed., Nov. 19, 2025, 6:30pm: Pub Quiz
Tantrick Brewing Co Hubbard St. Allegan
Begin registering teams at 5:30 then enjoy friendly competition led by the Allegan Library staff. Library cards bring extra points.

Thurs., Nov. 20, 2025, 9am-3pm: Advocacy Bootcamp
Allegan High School Conference Center Western Ave. (M-89/M-40) Allegan
Gain tools, strategies and confidence to advocate for your organizations. Applications were due Oct. 17th. Contact Lauren at lvanderploeg@alleganfoundation.org or (269) 673-8344 x209

Thurs., Nov. 20, 2025, 12-3pm: Allegan County Child Support Bench Warrant Clinic
1st Baptist Church 1290 32nd St. Allegan
Bring proof of income if employed, cash only payment, and proof of disability of appropriate, and work with Friend of the Court staff to find steps to resolve delinquent payments. For more information, call 877 543-2660.

Thurs., Nov. 20, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime – 3-5 yr. olds can enjoy stories and activities.

3:30pm: Tween STEAM Club – 4-7 graders can register to learn about simple science with lights, batteries and Squishy Circuits. Call 269 673-4625

Thurs., Nov. 20, 2025, 5pm: Tree of Love Lighting & Open House
Allegan Beacon Hospital 555 Linn St. Allegan
The Borgess Hospital Foundation, Beacon Allegan Hospital invite everyone to join the lighting of the magnificent tree whose lights represent loved ones who have faced cancer. The program and refreshments will allow for conversation and memories. Contributions from individuals and sponsors can be made by contacting 269-226-8100.

Thurs., Nov. 20, 2025, 4-6pm: Third Thirsty Thursday
Tantrick Brewing 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
The Allegan Area Chamber and Allegan Jaycees invite all to come and enjoy.

Fri., Nov. 21, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Little Read Lakeshore Sing Song Yoga – Drop in to join Deb Weiss-Gelmi as she guides us through yoga, movement, literacy, and music.

3:30pm: Animation Station Short Film Festival – Register to join the very first Animation Station Short Film Festival where we will showcase all our young artists’ creativity and hard work. Call 269 673-4625.

Sat., Nov. 22, 2025, 11am: Jumpstart Genealogy
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Megan Heyl is back to help hunt down and organize family history.

Sat., Nov. 22, 2025, 5:30pm: Loaves & Fishes Concert
First Methodist Church 212 S. Park St. Kalamazoo
Enjoy a wonderful concert organized by the K’zoo Folk-life Org., the Allegan Chapter, and the Great Lakes Acoustic Music Assoc. Bring a food or money donation and enjoy the music.

Mon., Nov. 24, 2025, 6pm: Bingo
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
All are welcome for some friendly competition.

Tues., Nov. 25, 2025, 1pm: Grief Support Luncheon
Salvino’s 1290 M089, Plainwell
Join Wings of Hope and others who are finding themselves, and have a wonderful lunch.

Tues., Nov. 25, 2025, 1pm: Friends of the Library Meeting
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
All are welcome to join the conversation and planning.

Sat., Nov. 29, 10am-6pm: Small Business Saturday Merry Market
The Shoppes on Brady St., 136 Brady, Allegan
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Clothes for the family and household goods are available, layettes for newborns, clothing, diapers, toys, etc. for babies to 6 mo. For emergency needs, call 269 694-4775 or Marlene 269 217-8293. This is supported by the 7th-Day Adventist Church and an ACCF TAG Grant.

Allegan County Community Action - Assistance for daily living
23 Water Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.communityactionallegan.org, (269) 673-5472
Food, weatherization, early childhood education.

Allegan Homeless Solutions - Helping eliminate barriers to housing.
108 Grant St., Plainwell MI 49080
www.alleganhomelessolutions.org, Email: info@allegan-homelessolutions.org

The Arc of Allegan County - Advocates for people with disabilities
219 Hubbard Street, Allegan 269 673-8841
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Baby Closet – Newborn Clothing and Supplies Diaper Closet – monthly diaper program
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street Allegan
Call 269 673-2254 and leave a message.

Christian Neighbors - Food, Education, Emergency Financial Assistance
282 12th Street Plainwell MI 49080 (269) 685-4166
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Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street, Allegan (269) 673-2254
Open Fridays, 10am – 1pm A wide selection of clothing for all ages is available.

Grief Support Groups
Wings of Hope invites all to a welcoming and compassionate gathering. 1st Monday of the month – 6-7:30pm, Wings of Hope Office, 530 Linn St., Allegan; 2nd Tues. of each month – 12:30-2pm, United Methodist Church, 322 Maple St., Hopkins; 3rd Monday of each month – 3-4:30pm, Ransom District Library, 189 S. Sherwood Ave., Plainwell; 4th Tues., Grief Support Luncheon, 1pm, Salvino’s 1290 M89, Plainwell.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MARTIN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Please take notice that on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:00 pm the Martin Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the Martin Township Hall, 998 Templeton Street, Martin, MI, 49070. A Public Hearing will take place upon the following matters which will be discussed, deliberated and possibly have final action taken thereon:

1. To seek comment and take action on recommending or not recommending adoption of the final 2026 Martin Township Master Plan to the Martin Township Board, following conclusion of the required commenting period and in accordance with MCL 125.3843, the “Planning Enabling Act.”
2. Such other matters that may come properly before the Planning Commission.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and participate. Applications and related documents shall be made available for public viewing at the Martin Township Office during regular business hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Martin Township Planning Commission up until the date of the public hearing by mailing to or dropping off at the Martin Township Office at 998 Templeton Street, Martin, Michigan, 49070 during regular business hours or by contacting the Township Clerk at 616-760-3065.

Margaret Smith, Secretary
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Bird flu detected in Allegan County flock

Bird flu has been detected in a flock of Allegan County poultry. The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) detected the highly pathogenic avian influenza virus during an investigation, per a state press release. The exact location of the flock was not disclosed. This is the second case in poultry found in an Allegan County flock since the virus was first detected in Michigan in 2022, per the release, and the second case detected in Allegan County poultry this year. [Ottawa County](#) has reported seven cases of bird flu in commercial and backyard flocks so far in 2025. Regardless of operation size, it's important to follow safety precautions when handling poultry, according to [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC). The avian influenza is a highly contagious virus that spreads easily from flock to flock, including by wild birds, contact with infected poultry, equipment or on farmer's clothes and shoes. However, the CDC states public health risk associated with avian influenza still remains low.

Paws with a Cause celebrates grand opening

By Jay Kurtis Oetman

November 6, 2025 officially recognized as *Paws With A Cause Day*. It was a day filled with wagging tails, grateful hearts, and proud Michiganders as *Paws With A Cause* celebrated the grand opening of its newly renovated \$10 million facility on November 6, 2025. The expanded campus now features a state-of-the-art breeding center and training cen-

ter, ensuring that this Michigan-born non-profit can continue its life-changing mission for years to come. The event carried an extra note of celebration as officials in Lansing officially declared November 6 "Paws With A Cause Day" across the State of Michigan, honoring decades of dedication to empowering individuals with disabilities through expertly trained assistance dogs. For an organization that

began with a simple vision of partnership between humans and animals, the proclamation marked a powerful acknowledgment of its enduring impact. *Paws With A Cause* trains five types of assistance dogs: hearing dogs, service dogs for mobility, epileptic seizure response dogs, service dogs for children with autism, and medical alert detection dogs. Each animal undergoes a meticulous process of

breeding, raising, and custom training before being paired with a client whose needs match the dog's specialized skills. The total cost for each placement—approximately \$60,000, is entirely covered by the generosity of donors and volunteers. No government or federal funding helps offset that expense, yet every dog is provided completely free of charge to the person it serves. Michele Suchovsky,

CEO of *Paws With A Cause* exclaimed: "November 6 is officially Paws With A Cause Day. How awesome is that?!" The joy was shared by volunteers, trainers, clients, and supporters who gathered to see the facility's unveiling. What began as a small Michigan dream has grown into a nationally respected model of compassion and innovation, one that continues to remind us all of the power of partnership, perseverance, and paws.



Semi driver that struck bridge cited for oversized load

US-131 from 100th St. to 142nd Avenue was closed this past week after a semi truck driver struck the 146th Avenue bridge overpass in Allegan County. Now, the driver behind the closure is facing a citation. The semi driver has been cited with having an oversized load, according to Lt. Brandon Berens with the Allegan County Sheriff's Office. The bridge was struck on Monday, Nov. 3, and the freeway remained closed until Saturday evening, Nov. 8. "The equipment was

improperly loaded as it was not properly prepared for transport which caused it to be taller than it should have been," said Berens.

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VIEWPOINTS

The True Spirit of Christmas Lives in Helping Others

As the Christmas season approaches, the lights, music, and festive cheer remind us of joy, family, and tradition. But amid the celebration, it's also a time to remember what this season truly represents — compassion, generosity, and community. For many families, Christmas isn't about abundance or gifts under the tree; it's about simply getting through another winter month. That's why it's so important that those who are able reach out to help those who are not — and why the Wilcox Newspapers Christmas Wish Fund remains a vital part of our community's holiday spirit.

The holidays can be especially hard for struggling families. Rising costs of food, utilities, and housing have left many parents wondering how they'll afford even the basics, let alone Christmas gifts for their children. For seniors living alone or on fixed incomes, loneliness can weigh as heavily as financial strain. This is where we — as neighbors, friends, and caring citizens — can make a difference.

Each year, the Christmas Wish Fund, supported by donations from readers and local businesses, helps bring a bit of hope to those who need it most. Whether it's providing a warm coat for a child, groceries for a family, or a small gift for someone who thought they'd been forgotten, every dollar donated touches a real life right here in our communities. It's proof that even small acts of kindness ripple outward, turning despair into gratitude and hardship into hope.

Giving isn't just about money — it's about empathy. It's about seeing beyond our own front doors and realizing that our neighbors' struggles may not always be visible. The holidays are an ideal time to pause and reflect on our blessings, and to share them. When we give through efforts like the Christmas Wish Fund, we're not only lifting others up — we're strengthening the bonds that make our communities special.

We have been spearheading this fund to help



MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

the less fortunate in our communities for over ten years. We have contributed countless thousands of dollars to hundreds of families. The funding has come from the generous local businesses in our communities, as well as wonderful individuals who have it in their heart to help others.

In a world that often feels divided, generosity is a unifying force. It reminds us that what truly matters isn't what we receive, but what we give. So this Christmas, as you wrap gifts and share meals, consider helping those who could use a little extra light in their lives. A contribution to the Wilcox Newspapers Christmas Wish Fund is more than a donation — it's a message of hope, kindness, and community spirit.

I can't thank enough those that have contributed in the past. We have received donations from \$10 to \$2000 and every penny has went to help a less fortunate family in the area in which the donation came from.

To donate or request assistance through the Wilcox Newspapers Christmas Wish Fund, please email us at wilcox-newspapers@gmail.com. Assistance is requested by writing a letter telling us why you deserve to be funded. Individuals can donate by sending a check to Wilcox Newspapers, PO Box 189, Allegan Mi. 49010.

For someone who is not a certified member of the Handyman's Union and a complete all-thumbs fiasco in most do-it-yourself projects, I find myself having to make a stop at a hardware store a couple times a week. Especially in autumn.

I suddenly discover my string trimmer is running low on string and snow shovel cracked after slashing at icicles last spring. I should also lay in a small stash of duct tape, candles and batteries in various denominations. Something to melt the ice? One more trip.

I am sure there'll be more, such as replacing the scraper and brush for the car windows if I can't find the one from last year. Making lists doesn't work when you misplace the list.

I avoid big box stores, as much as possible, even if I could save big bucks. They have plenty of inventory, just not on the right shelf so I can find it. Nor do I have great luck flagging down a sales associate.

Like some of you Olds, I grew up in an era where there were only small, locally-owned stores. The type where everyone knew your name and if you were a regular, the employees shout it as you walked through the door, as if we were long-lost friends. If it was a quiet day, they'd like to visit and would eventually walk you down the aisle to get the widget.

Growing up, we went to the Ace Hardware not far from my father's business. As soon as I came through the front door, and before he would ask if I needed some help finding something, Mr. Jensen would ask about my parents, how my sister "pi-anney" lessons were going and things like that.

Before he let me proceed, he would always remind me that Old Axel was in the basement and it would mean a lot to him if I'd go down and say hello. I sometimes wondered if they kept him down there on purpose.

Axel was an old codger who came over on the boat from Norway back when Grover Cleveland was in the White House. You could tell that from his accent that never changed.

When he settled in Rochester, Minn., he joined the Sons of Norway as a charter member. Through his lodge brothers, he got his first job as a fireman on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad,

He saw the country one scoopful of coal at a time until the diesels replaced the steam engines. Ace hired him because he was experienced in shoveling stuff and keeping the firebox going so the store stayed toasty.

His lodge brothers held their meetings in the basement until the night police raided the place



G CORWIN STOPPEL

sure it was a speakeasy, long after Prohibition was over. It wasn't.

That's where a helpful hardware employee suggested an old-fashioned a lot less expensive. He said they had industrial-strength fertilizer in the basement and I should start off with just one bag because it wasn't safe to keep too much of it lying around. No kidding! That stuff was bomb-grade 48-percent nitrogen.

He advised on the way home I stop by a deep-discount store, buy inexpensive nylons, fill the legs with the fertilizer and put them up on the roof, with a little hanging over the roofline to make a channel for the melting ice.

When I asked if this was safe, he assured me it was. "Just don't drop a leg-full of it down on the cement." He didn't say what might happen

but suffice it to note I was careful going up and down the ladder.

Nothing blew up or caught fire that day nor did I fall off the ladder, so I thought I was home safe. Neatness counts in a job like this, so I made sure just a little of the toe was hanging over the edge, the better for the melting snow to drip.

Then on Sunday when we were coming home fro church, Pat wanted to know what was up on the roof. "Are those my ...?" she started to ask, and I explained I bought them especially for the purpose she saw before her. She was even less impressed when I told her what I put in the nylons.

It worked more or less, although Pat never got used to the toes hanging over the edge. We didn't have the build-up of snow and ice on the roof, but neither did we have a very rough winter.

We need shops and stores where we have the people connection. It is good all around, starting with the ritual of small talk before making a purchase.

We are grateful the store hasn't been swallowed up by a big-box corporation. So we get what we need, sometimes things we don't need, and keep the connections alive and well.

It's a good thing and an important part of life.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanksgiving, The Forgotten Holiday

Dear Editor:

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln declared that the last Thursday of November would be a national holiday, following a practice of the pilgrims who set aside a day of fasting, prayer, and giving thanks. In subsequent

years, the day's meaning has been altered many times. In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt changed the date to the third Thursday of November, in an effort to bolster holiday sales and extend the season. The change was not popular or well-received.

Consequently, in 1941, he moved the date back to the last Thursday of November.

Nowadays, Thanksgiving is squeezed between Halloween and Christmas, both of which have also lost their meanings.

What does Thanksgiving mean to you?

Jerry Miller
Allegan

After research, reader promotes AxMITax

Dear Editor:

While driving home, there seems to be more and more signs advertising AxMITax. So one day I stopped and read the sign. Sure enough, the sign is proposing a 2026 Ballot Proposal to eliminate Michigan's Property taxes.

Not paying much to what I pay in property tax, I thought it's time I did. Keeping my Social Security income seems like a good idea. I did some looking at my property tax history. We first moved to Michigan in 2003 and paid about \$2,500 per year; in 2024 we paid about \$5,000 per year. Wow, that's about 100% increase.

How is that possible? Why, that's nearly three (3) months of my Social Security retirement. The Property Tax is about \$2,200 higher than the yearly electric bill and about \$1,800 higher than the yearly propane bill. This is not making me happy! Enough is Enough!

For sure, it looks like property taxes are set up to steal my hard-earned money in a legal way. I decided some homework about property taxes is required. Using official web sites and Artificial Intelligence search engines, here are some facts about Property Tax Law in Allegan County. Facts listed are directly from official State web sites, no editing.

"Taxable value calculation: The local township assessor determines a property's taxable value, which is approximately 50% of the market value. Millage rate: To find the most current millage rates, you must

contact the Township treasurer. Taxable value caps: Michigan law protects homeowners by capping the annual increase in a property's taxable value at no more than 5%, or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower. "Uncapping" upon sale: When a property is sold, the taxable value "uncaps" and is reset to the state-equalized value (roughly 50% of market value), which can significantly increase the tax bill for a new owner."

"Delinquency begins: Unpaid taxes from the prior year become delinquent on March 1.

County takes over: The property is turned over to the county treasurer for collection.

Fees and interest added: The county treasurer adds a 4% administration fee and begins charging 1% interest per month on the unpaid balance.

Second year of delinquency (March 1)

Property forfeiture: If taxes remain unpaid, the property is "forfeited" to the county treasurer.

Increased penalties: The interest rate increases to 1.5% per month, and a new forfeiture fee of around \$175 is added, along with other administrative costs."

The local assessor determines a property's taxable value of your property every year. Assessors heavily rely on the sales comparison approach, which involves analyzing recent sales of similar properties (comparable sales or "comps") in the same neighborhood. They conduct two-year sales studies to ensure the assessed values reflect the local real estate market.

Notice, reality property sales rarely if ever goes down; values never go down because of the cost of inflation, materials, ... and labor. That increased property value number gets put into a computer somewhere, calculations are made and magically, your new higher Property Taxes Bill is mailed to you. Of course, there are strict penalties too, see Delinquency Section above.

More homework discoveries were made when visiting some neighbors. To my surprise, they're paying more than \$5,000 each year because they fall into the "Uncapping" upon sale" category. So the new market property sale price is used to calculate the new owners property tax. Please note: for most tax increases, there is no change in community Local Services or Essential Government Services. Why, it's only more of your money in the hands of State Officials, Bureaucrats.

Another idea jumped out at me. How much money is being collected by Property Taxes? Using the latest version of Google's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Software and many different wordings of tax questions, the answer was another Big Surprise! The Surprise, see partial list below:

Here is the AI results: "While the total property tax collected in Townships, Allegan County, Michigan, for specific years is not available in the search results, some related information was found."

Estimated property tax: Fire Improvement Millage (2025): An estimated

\$443,806 will be raised in the first year of a restored 2-mill tax. Road Improvement Millage (2025): An estimated \$665,709 will be raised in the first year of a new 3-mill tax."

Could the AI results be incorrect? Perhaps a freedom of information request is needed to discover how much of Michigander's money is or was collected. Michigan is rated as having relatively high property taxes compared to most U.S. States; Michigan is ranked 14th highest in Property Taxes. There are also county differences too, some lower, some higher. It's clear, Property taxes are guaranteed to go higher for all Eternity.

As a side note, whoever wrote, passed and continues to update Property Tax Law was especially gifted to ensure automatic growth and increases of higher taxes are built into the law; as a result, home owners always lose even if their home is decades old. See "Legal Plunder" circa 1850: Frederic Bastiat, "The Law and the State".

In closing, if sufficient number of signatures are collected for A 2026 Ballot Proposal to eliminate Property Tax, see AxMITax.org or info@AxMITax.org, voters will have the opportunity to determine if more money can continue being legally stolen from homeowners. If there are not enough signatures, Property Taxes will continue to increase, the sky has no limit.

Perhaps I'm just renting my home from the Michigan Government?

Philip Zamlynski

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Tree of Love ensures early cancer detection

By Gari Voss

The Allegan Hospital has recently changed from Borgess Allegan to Beacon Allegan, but special programs continue. The *Tree of*

Love is celebrating 40 years of saving lives through early breast cancer detection. The *Tree of Love* campaign is celebrating 40 years of life-saving impact on Thursday, November 20, 2025, and the

tree will be lit in the hospital lobby at 5pm.

Over those 40 years, thousands of contributors have donated to the *Tree of Love* by purchasing lights for the tree. That tradition

continues and contributions can be made at any time at beacon.health/treeoflove.

Launched in 1985, the *Tree of Love* began as an annual fundraiser to help patients requiring access to vital healthcare. Since then, it has become a cornerstone of providing early breast cancer detection for patients throughout southwest Michigan. When breast cancer is found early, it's often more treatable, and survival rates are significantly higher.

Julie Ruel, Director of Annual Programs for the Borgess Hospital Foundation, stated, "Over the years, the *Tree of Love* has supported thousands of patients, providing access to critical services regardless of their ability to pay. This life-changing work continues today, and is made possible by generous community donations during the annual campaign which kicked off at the beginning of October."

Celebrate 40 Years of Impact on November 20th
The entire Allegan community is invited to mark this special milestone by contributing to the 2025 *Tree of Love* campaign and attending the open house and tree lighting on November 20th at 5pm in the Beacon Allegan Hospital lobby.

The *Tree of Love* Lighting Ceremony is a beloved tradition that honors breast cancer patients, donors, and healthcare champions with a signature pink glow. The tree is a symbol of strength, hope, and healing for many across the community.

Following the lighting, community members have



The 2025 Tree of Love Ceremony will move into the Beacon Allegan Hospital lobby on Nov. 20, 2025, at 5pm, and the hundreds of pink bulbs will shine to honor or remember all those who have dealt with cancer.

the opportunity to meet Kreg Gruber, CEO of Beacon Health System, and hear the vision for supporting the health and wellbeing of Allegan County.

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OBITUARIES

Marietta Kaylor

Dr. Marietta Kaylor, a beloved and compassionate family physician and surgeon, devout Seventh-day Adventist, and a warm-hearted family member and friend, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at her home after a brief illness. She was surrounded by her family and loved ones.

Born in Allegan, Michigan, on November 27, 1939, to the late Bert and Alah (Root) Kaylor, Marietta's commitment to excellence was evident from an early age. She graduated as valedictorian from Hopkins High School. Her academic achievements continued as she graduated

cum laude from Andrews University and later was the top graduate of her class at Loma Linda University, where she earned her medical degree.

Dr. Kaylor dedicated her life to caring for others. Her distinguished medical career began in her hometown of Allegan, Michigan, where she practiced obstetrics and surgery. She continued her practice for a short time in Mountain Grove, Missouri, and later moved it to Cleburne, Texas, where she worked with skill and compassion until her retirement. Her patients remember her for her expertise, kindness, patience, and genuine empathy.

Her family and friends

cherished Marietta for her generous spirit, comforting presence, sense of humor, and beautiful smile. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bert and Alah Kaylor, and her younger brother, Bruce Kaylor.

Dr. Kaylor is survived by her younger brother, Larry Kaylor, and her adopted sister, Mary Lou Grazier, along with many loving nieces, nephews, extended family, and a wide circle of friends.

In place of flowers, memorials may be sent to Wings of Hope in Allegan or Your Story Hour in Niles, Michigan.

Cheryl Ann Sackett

Cheryl Ann Sackett passed on to rest in peace on October 29, 2025 after fighting health issues.

Cheryl was born on December 20, 1952. She was a lifetime West Michigan resident, raised in Saugatuck, graduated from Saugatuck High School, and later resided in Fennville and Glenn.

Strong work ethic was Cheryl's trademark. She worked as a bank teller, a bartender, a store clerk, and a bookkeeper among her many jobs. She spent many years working for the company, Acro, and more recently, for the store, Wagoner's.

Cheryl was the mother of two sons, Richie and Brian. She can be remembered for supporting her sons through high school and high school sports. She could be found cheering



Cheryl Ann Sackett

for her sons at their football or basketball games. Once Cheryl became a grandmother, she loved treating her grandchildren to birthday festivities and parties. This brought her joy. Cheryl loved cats and dogs. She cared for these extended family members, and they provided her

great affection. Two of her cherished pets were Sammy (the family dog) and Harley (her and her mother's cat).

Some of Cheryl's pastimes included going to car races or seeing a movie at the theatre. She also loved shopping!

Cheryl is survived by her two sons, Richie (Angie) Sackett, Brian (Noemi) Sackett; her son by affinity, nephew, Brent (Sabrina) Lawson; and her six grandchildren Sadina, Richie III, Kobe, Zenaida, Mariah, and Payton. She is also survived by her sisters, Polly (Jack) Lawson, JoAnne (Bill) Sill, and her brother, Doug Compton. She is preceded in death by her parents Richard and Agnes Compton.

The family will have a private interment.

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At this time, as part of this agreement, the Allegan Development Co., LLC has 180 days or six months from June 23, 2025, to complete their due diligence, including receiving zoning approvals for the 14 acres that would be developed into residences. Also, they may choose during this time to terminate this agreement. If they do not terminate this agreement by the end of the due diligence period, the developer and the city will close on the property within 30 days at the end of the due diligence period; closing may occur earlier, if mutually agreed to by the city and the developer.

Ordinance 532 was approved so site work can begin. The City Council will be given as-built plans along with approvals from other agencies. Approval will lead to topcoat on roads then construction. No public comment was offered. The motion was made to adopt Ordinance 532 and passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Dye reviewed the October 2025 **Brownfield Redevelopment Authority** Minutes since there is no councilmember assigned to this group. There have been 3 meetings this year. The development on Delano Street is progressing. The State Housing Development Authority requested that the low-income, affordable units be extended from 8 to 10 years. This did not require council approval. The state now has the paperwork for final approval.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Jay Gibson reviewed the statistics from the police department. Stats are through September with the final quarter to come. Many city police responses are as backup to the primary responder. An area noted was Traffic Stops with 1,143, but tickets are given to only about 15% of the stops. This gives officers an opportunity to educate the offender. Many times, there is no repeat offense. Other related incidents were with “lock outs” and parking complaints.

The council asked if there was an upswing compared to previous years that would be concerning. Gibson had seen no trends. He did cite an increase in the homeless situation that seems to be tied to some mental health issues. Officers do attempt to take the homeless to specific spots that would be safe for the person, but they do not take them and drop them in an unspecified location.

Another question referred to trends at school. Gibson shared that the School Resource Officers (SROs) have a good understanding of the needs of students. Most of the problems arise in the Middle School with relationship drama but only some have citations issued.

It was noted that there was a large number of welfare checks. Gibson shared that it is more than mail piling up. Usually, dispatch can determine the situation and handle it.

The question was posed whether warmer weather brought additional calls. Gibson shared that the second and third quarters of the year had the larger numbers. Councilmember Clark shared that he noticed that many of the areas have a lower percentage of incidents that previous years.

Chief Gibson shared that

probably the total number of calls for the year would be around 4,000. Every night every officer will send a briefing so others can do follow up when needed. He noted that the cameras around town are helpful.

Special notes: On February 10, 2025, Officers Meade and Luyk (SROs) were recognized by the Allegan School Board for their service and positive interactions and relationships with the students.

On June 26, 2025, Officers Dame and Luyk responded to a cardiac arrest at the Farmers Market. Utilizing the AED and CPR, they were able to turn the person over to EMS. The patient was taken to the hospital and made a full recovery.

On July 11, 2025, Officer Dykema responded to a person who was hanging on for dear life at the Allegan Dam. Using a throw rope, he was able to bring the person safely to shore.

On August 11, 2025, Sgt. Dame worked with the Allegan County Police to identify the people and vehicle involved in shooting out car windows. On August 24th, Sgt. Gorby located the suspects and vehicle, received a full confession, and recovered the BB gun.

September 19, 2025, in the early hours, Officer Duesterberg was contacted by the FBI regarding a potential school threat. He contacted Sgt. Gorby who came into work and contacted SRO Meade. Collaboratively, they worked the case and were able to apprehend the suspect before most people were awake, so the school day was not interrupted.

On October 7, 2025, Sgt. Dame responded to an armed home invasion. Within hours after investigating, he was able to arrest the suspect and recover the firearm.

PUBLIC WORKS

TEDF Grant. The request to adopt Resolution 25.34 to accept a Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation and appoint the City Manager as the authorized representative for the City of Allegan passed.

The TEDF grant for resurfacing Airway Drive has a 3-step approval process. 1st step, the city approves the resolution. Then MDOT sends a notice of award form. The city council must seek a low bid. If the city manager is assigned to check on project progress and contractors, the process can move along more smoothly. The motion passed.

MDOT and AERO projects. Dye again requested that the Council approve the City Manager to be the signatory for the runway contracts. There is a time limit. Department head Jeff Morrie is not able to sign the paperwork. During their last meeting, the department heads decided that it would be important for the city manager to have the ability to sign all of the contracts. The motion passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
Accounts Payable and Payroll. The request to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$284,327.36 and payroll in the amount of \$113,176.11 for a total disbursement of \$397,503.47 was approved.

Public Participation

Plan. The request to adopt the City of Allegan Public Participation Plan (PPP) passed. The PPP is a requirement of the Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) recertification process. The plan outlines strategies to ensure meaningful engagement with key community stakeholders. Mohamed Gabow explained that little has changed from the previous plan except the hospital changed its name and the city has cell phone alerts. The plan has been completed early, and demonstrates that public participation is extremely important for strengthening the community.

Griswold Holiday Rates. The city staff requested approval of an amendment to the fee schedule establishing a “Holiday Rate” for rental of the Griswold Auditorium on official holidays when City offices are closed. It is not typical for people to ask to use the Griswold on a holiday, but it happened last Christmas Eve. When employees are requested to work on a holiday, they are paid double time. This led the staff to propose a holiday rate to cover the cost of staffing. It was suggested that the official holidays be posted on the form. The Holiday Weekday Rate will be \$150 per hour or \$750 per six hours. The Holiday Weekend Rate will be \$200 per hour or \$900 per six hours. The additional Hourly Rate after 6 hours is \$100 for both Holiday Weekdays and Holiday Weekends. Thus far, there has been only one request, but the city staff now has a guideline. The amendment to the rates was approved.

Agenda Sections. Dye requested a discussion regarding reformatting the City Council agenda to include two

new sections: Written Petitions to the City Council and Acceptance of Gifts and Donations to the City of Allegan.

The question is where these activities should be during a meeting. This would give guidelines for groups who would like to give presentations. Also, it would give an opportunity to recognize people who do something special or make a special contribution.

Different lengths of time were discussed for presentations with additional time added for Q&A to have a dialog with the presenter. Maybe 5 minutes for the presentation with no real cap on the discussion that followed. This would be different for written petitions that may be set at 10 minutes, but the pieces must be emailed to council members before the meeting. Excluded were presentations by government agencies, consultants, and auditors which may take longer.

Having some guidelines and space on the agenda will assist the staff when deciding what qualifies for a written petition and how to guide presenters. Dye reminded the council that this was just a discussion. No decision would be made at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

An individual had no objections to holiday rates. But felt the holiday events with religious groups would be something to work on with an attorney and police to determine who is responsible for security. There have been religious groups and others targeted. It is important to decide responsibility for security since companies do not usually cover public unrest or violence.

COMMUNICATIONS

FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025, 5-7pm, the DDA Open House. This will be hosted to receive input regarding the future of downtown. The information gathered will be used when updating the 2020 Downtown Master Plan.

Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025, noon – The council chambers will be opened for a presentation of the Ambassador for Peace Award, an official proclamation from the Patriots and Veterans Affairs through the Republic of Korea that issues metals to Korean War Veterans. Allegan resident Roy James had an opportunity to participate in an Honor Flight to Washington DC. In one day, they had a tour of the capital and a ceremony then were welcomed back at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo. It was during this activity that they learned about the program from the Republic of Korea, so someone reached out to learn more. This gathering would honor Roy and another veteran from Paw Paw. Joel will open City Hall for the event with residents of the community invited.

Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 5-7pm, Open House for Rossman Park and Downtown. This Open House will be split between the 2nd Phase of the Streetscape Improvement Project and Rossman Neighborhood Construction Project. Representatives from Abonmarche and the city will be in attendance to answer questions about the next phase of construction.

City Hall Connection Hour in City Hall had no visitors, so Joel will piggyback

with council members Walker and Hooker during their coffee gatherings.

Tuesday, November 11, 2025, 11am on Riverfront, the American Legion will do their annual Veterans Day Celebration at the Veteran’s Monument.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Hooker – gave a thank you to all veterans.

Clark – piggybacked on the thank you to veterans and the current armed forces for their service.

Walker – invited the council members to the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday at 7:30pm for a warming station meeting to organize volunteers and create a calendar.

Perrigo – piggybacked on Dye’s information about the Honor Flights. They are trying to find Viet Nam vets for the Honor Flights. People can go on the website and fill out an application. Volunteers can be guardians to accompany the vet. This is an opportunity to visit with amazing people and get to know other veterans. There is a certain criteria to get the free flights.

Kudos to city staff for all their assistance. Perrigo shared that these people are behind the scenes, but they do a lot. An example would be the couch incident. A couch tumbled out of a truck onto the street. Joel and Parker took the couch out of the street, and no one was aware of what they did. The city staff members are amazing at handling things the council members may never see or know about.

Valley Township

2054 N. M-40
Allegan, MI 49010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Valley Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 2054 N. M-40 Allegan, MI 49010 to receive public comment, verbally or in writing, on the Township’s updated Master Plan and to consider adoption.

A copy of the proposed Master Plan is available for public review and inspection during normal business hours in the Office of the Clerk.

The draft plan is in a digital format on the Township’s website: <https://www.valleytpw.org/>

Persons with special needs, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact the Township Clerk at 269-673-5962, brandee.ellis@yahoo.com, or the Michigan Relay Center TDD 1-800-649-3777 for accommodations.

Valley Township Clerk,
Brandee Ellis

Notice

of Public Hearing
Salem Township
Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (The Michigan Zoning Enabling Act) the Planning Commission of Salem Township will hold public hearing to deliberate and possibly take action on the following items on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at Salem Township Hall, located at 3003 142nd Avenue, Burnips, Michigan.

The applications received are as follows:

1. Request from Jesse and Danielle Busscher of Homestead Sheds, LLC, owner of 3260 142nd Avenue, also known as permanent parcel number 03-19-020-006-03, for a special use permit and related site plan review to establish an outdoor sales lot within the C-1 General Commercial District, per Section 11.03(o) of the Salem Township Zoning Ordinance.
2. Any other such business as comes before the Salem Township Planning Commission.

A copy of the application is available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours. This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for Township residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the request. Those unable to attend the public hearing via electronic or phone access are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Zoning Administrator at the Township Hall address cited above. All written comments must be received by no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 4, 2025.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify the Township Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

SALEM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
BRANDON OOSTERINK, CHAIRMAN
616-877-2000

CITY OF ALLEGAN

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Allegan, Michigan, shall hold Public Hearings on Monday, December 1st, 2025 at 4 p.m. at Allegan City Hall, 231 Trowbridge, Allegan, Michigan to hear the following requests:

1. An application from Jim Horwath for Immanuel Lutheran Church, property owner of 651 Grand Street, also known as Permanent Parcel Number 0351-251-021-00 for relief from Section 21.02.C.v of the City of Allegan Zoning Ordinance to construct a sign taller than permitted.
2. Any other such business as properly comes before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A copy of the applications and related materials is available for viewing at City Hall during regular business hours. Materials may also be accessed on our website at <http://www.cityofallegan.org>. Questions and comments regarding these requests may be submitted prior to the Public Hearing to the City Clerk at City Hall, 231 Trowbridge, Allegan, MI, 49010, or by calling 269-673-5511.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City of Allegan will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days written notice to the City Clerk at 231 Trowbridge, Allegan, MI, 49010 or by phone 269-673-5511.

JOEL DYE, MANAGER
CITY OF ALLEGAN
269-673-5511

Public Notice

In a regular Overisel Township Planning Commission Meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 7:30 PM in the Overisel Township Hall the Commission will hear the following request. Steven Brower of 3558 Moore Street Hamilton, MI is requesting a Special use permit to construct residential dwelling on property currently zoned agricultural. The parcel in question can be identified as That part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast fractional 1/4 of Section 35, Town 4 North Range 14 West, Overisel Township, Allegan County MI. An additional description can be provided as 38th Street, south of 138th Ave. All Interested parties are invited to attend this meeting. Handicap provisions will be provided by calling the Township Office in advance at 269-751-7030.

Dave Arendsen, Secretary
Overisel Township Planning Commission

NOTICE

To: The residents and property owners of the Township of Manlius, Allegan County, Michigan and any other interested persons.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals of Manlius Township will hold a public hearing on Wednesday November 19, 2025 commencing at 5:00 P.M. at the Manlius Township Hall located at 3134 57 th ST, Fennville MI

Matter(s) to be discussed:

- 1) Henry & Jennifer Nederhoed is requesting a variance to Article III, Section 1.0305, d., Accessory Building location, Manlius Township Ordinance. Request is to place 20 x 44 building to north and east side of garage. The property number is 03 14 -555-010-00, Manlius Township, Allegan County, Michigan. Property is located at 3560 Woodfield Ct. Hamilton, currently owned by Pricilla Overbeek.
- 2) Such other matters as may properly come before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals reserves the right to amend requested variance(s).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the General Development Master Plan and Manlius Zoning Ordinance are available for public examination at the Manlius Township Hall, located at 3134 57th St, Fennville Michigan 49408 up to and including the date of the public hearing, and may also be examined at the public hearing. Further, written comments will be received from any interested persons at the offices of the Township Hall up to and including the date of the public hearing before said hearing time, and may also be submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals, at said public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Manlius Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days written notice to the Township Clerk, Matt Rooks 3134 57th Street, Fennville Mi 49408-9470 or by telephoning him at 269-561-8855.

Manlius Township Clerk
Matt Rooks



Redemption Tour rolls on:

Clippers upend Climax-Scotts 36-20, advance to state semifinals

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN—The Redemption Tour rolled on for the Martin football team.

The Clippers, ranked first in 8-Player Division 1, bested No. 10 Climax-Scotts 36-20 on Friday, Nov. 7, to win a regional championship and advance to the state semifinals for the third time in four years.

Last season, Martin (11-0) lost a heartbreaker to Mendon in the regional finals as time expired to end its streak of two straight state championships.

Hence the Redemption Tour.

“The way last season ended, losing in the final seconds and get bounced, left a bad taste in our mouths,” Martin coach Brad Blauvelt said “So our goal since then has been to get back to the state finals and win another championship.

“These seniors have really taken that to heart and they’ve dubbed this season the Redemption Tour, which I love. That’s what it’s all about.”

But simply winning a state championship isn’t the only goal for this group.

“They think they can be the best Martin team ever,” Blauvelt said. “That’s their goal, to establish this team as the best in the history of Martin football. Hopefully we can prove that in the next couple weeks.”

Haylen Buell is one of the senior leaders for the Clippers.

“This win means a ton,” Buell said. “It means we’re

back. We took that tough loss against Mendon last year, so we want this really bad and we just have to keep playing hard. Play fast, play physical. That’s what we’re known for. That’s our brand of football. If we stick to that, we’re tough to beat.

“And we have such good speed at the skill position and our linemen are huge. We’re big up front and those guys do their job every single game. That’s the only reason we succeed.”

That speed and solid play by the linemen were on full display on Martin’s first play from scrimmage.

Set up at their own 34-yard line, Buell took the snap and handed off to junior Seth Toris. The result was a 66-yard touchdown that, coupled with a successful conversion run, gave the Clippers a quick lead and the momentum.

“It was great,” Buell said. “That’s one way to get the early-game jitters out. We see an opening in the backfield and we hit it and our dudes up front do their jobs.”

Blauvelt knew how big that play was for the emotional tone of the game.

“We always preach about the importance of getting off to a fast start, so that first touchdown kind of let us take a deep breath and settle in,” he said. “From there, we went to work.”

Get to work they did.

Buell and Toris combined for more than 360 rushing yards on just 22 carries. Buell led the way with 184 yards and two touchdowns on 11 carries, while Toris was close behind with 178



Martin running back Seth Toris (24) blocks for quarterback Haylen Buell (1) during the win over Climax-Scotts. Toris and Buell both ran for two touchdowns in the game. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

yards and two TDs on 11 carries.

Buell also teamed with his younger brother, freshman Zaiden, to impose their will on the defensive side of the ball.

Haylen Buell racked up a team-best 18 tackles, with Zaiden Buell just one behind at 17. Zaiden Buell also had a crucial interception.

“The Buell brothers absolutely dominated the defensive side of the football,” Buell said.

Weson Elkins added 11 tackles and Toris had 10 to give Martin four players with double-digit tackles.

Perhaps the biggest defensive stand came at the close of the second quarter.

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Martin defensive coordinator Keith Snyder talks to his players during the Climax-Scotts game. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Plainwell swim & dive finishes second at league finals



Otsego’s Millie Shattuck won the SCC dive title, beating out the defending Division 2 state champ. (Photo by Tim Beason)

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

BATTLE CREEK—Host Harper Creek ran away—or, more accurately, swam away—with the SCC title on Saturday, Nov. 8, racking up 527 points.

But the three local girls swim & dive teams—Plainwell, Otsego and Allegan—had plenty to celebrate as well.

The Trojans finished runner-up with 318 points, edging out Sturgis by seven points and Marshall by 17 points. The Bulldogs were sixth with 277 points, while the Tigers were seventh with 165 points.

All three area teams had one event champion, with Otsego’s perhaps the most unlikely of the group.

Bulldog senior Millie Shattuck put on a clinic during the diving competition, earning 389.6 points. That was 7.8 points ahead of runner-up Aubrey Yarger of Hastings, who just so happens to be the defending Division 2 state champion.

“I couldn’t be happier with how the girls performed this past weekend,” Otsego coach Darryl Belton said. “I don’t know if we’ve ever swam and dove that well in a girls league championship.

“Millie winning the diving was the upset of the week. She beat the defending D2 state champion and did it by being consistently great in all 11 dives.”

Otsego teammate Hailey Montgomery was third in diving with 292.75 points.

“Neither of our divers had a bad dive,” Belton said.

Plainwell’s event championship came from Sophia VanHeest, who took top honors in the 100-yard backstroke at 1:02.05. She was took second in the 500 freestyle at 5:27.32.

For Allegan, Eliza DeLeat won the 50 free at 25.5 and was runner-up in the 100 butterfly at 1:03.61.

“Our girls showed tremendous progress throughout the season, with most swimmers achieving season or lifetime best times at the championship meet,” Allegan coach Carol Gephart said. “The team’s energy, encouragement and unity on deck were clear contributors to their success.

“The girls really came together and supported each other every step of the way. Their commitment and growth over the season were remarkable, and Eliza was a big part of that.”

Other individual-event highlights for Otsego came from Hope Stender and Belle Xenos, with both securing second-place finishes.

learned how to do this in August. Lydia Griffith held the B medley relay together with a great breaststroke leg and Morgan Gruber was so fast in all three of her relays.

“Halle Olweean finished in the top 16 in the 50 and Juni Sisson dropped over 20 seconds of time in BOTH of her events. And I can’t say enough about the job Karis

Slater did on Saturday—her freestyle was lights out.

“I am excited for the state meet and the girls who will be competing there, but it is going to take a bit to come down off of this.”

For Plainwell, Olaia Dominguez-Trincado had strong showings in the 100 fly (third at 1:04.56) and the 200 IM (fourth at 2:25.06).

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ATHLETE
of the WEEK

Seth Toris
Martin
Football

In Martin’s 8-Player Division 1 regional title game against Climax-Scotts on Friday, Nov. 7, junior Seth Toris made his presence felt in a big way.

On the Clippers’ first play from scrimmage, Toris raced 66 yards for a touchdown, setting the tone for a 36-20 win.

Toris finished with 178 rushing yards and two touchdowns in the victory.

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Members of the Plainwell girls swim & dive team show off their runner-up trophy from the SCC Finals. (Photo provided)

SPORTS

Clippers claim fifth district crown in past six years

By Jason Wesseldyk
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN—As a senior at Martin High School in 1999, Shannon Goddard helped the volleyball team secure the first district championship in the history of the program.

Twenty-six years later, she led Martin volleyball to another district crown ... this time as the head coach.



Milee Schwartz goes up for a kill attempt in Martin's district win over Lawrence. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Goddard—in her first season as varsity coach for the Clippers after several years at the sub-varsity level—guided Martin to a dominant 3-0 win over Watervliet Grace Christian in a Division 4 district final on Thursday, Nov. 6.

The Clippers, who advanced to the district title game thanks to a 3-0 win over Lawrence in a semifinal clash on Tuesday, Nov. 4, held a 150-75 scor-

ing edge in its two district matches.

“This district championship means so much to these girls,” Goddard said. “They’ve worked hard since summer to be where they are now.”

The title also means a lot to Goddard personally.

This is the sixth district title overall for Martin volleyball, with five of those coming in the past six years. Goddard has a connection to all of those championships.

In addition to being on the team in 1999, she has had a daughter on the team—first Makala and now Kendra—for each of the other five.

“This trophy is so important to me,” Goddard said. “I’ve been coaching for a while as sub-varsity, so this title solidified to me I’m in the right place. It shows me these girls trust me and are embracing all the new changes we’ve made throughout the program.

“The importance of family and a close-knit community is so important in Martin. I am privileged to be a part of it.”

In the district final, Martin prevailed by a score of 25-22, 25-16, 25-13.

It was a much tougher challenge than in the semifinals, when the Clippers didn’t allow Lawrence to score double digit points in any set and rolled to the 25-9, 25-6, 25-9 victory.

“We knew the championship match would be more of a challenge for us,” Goddard said. “But we also knew we could put together some really good volleyball.”

The Clippers started a little bit slower than Goddard would have liked.

“The girls let their nerves get to them a little bit in the first set,” she said. “We played very timid and not in control.”

The rest of the match was a different story.

“I think after that set we started to play free and took the next two sets easier,” Goddard said.

Torryn Harris racked up 30 assists in the victory, with Maggie Jager leading the offense with nine kills. Mackenzie Schwartz was two behind with seven kills, and Kylie Myers had six.

Kendra Goddard led in both digs (19) and aces (three). Schwartz added 13 digs, followed by nine from Marybeth Ritchie and seven from Anna Jager.

Schwartz and Maggie Jager also had two aces each.

The semifinal against Lawrence, as one might guess by looking at the final score, was all Clippers.

“I am really proud of how the girls kept their composure against Lawrence,” Goddard said. “The pace was slower than we are used to, but they stayed motivated through the entire match.

“We stayed aggressive serving and attacking, while staying focused on defense.”

Kendra Goddard led the defensive effort with 15 digs to go with a match-best seven aces. Schwartz had 11 kills and Harris had 19 assists.

Ritchie added five aces, Anna Jager went for four digs and three aces, and Maggie Jager chipped in



Martin junior Mackenzie Schwartz makes a play at the net for the Clippers. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

with three aces and three digs.

All in all, it was a good week for the Clippers and re-enforced to the players that the program is in a good place, according to Coach Goddard.

“This shows them that this program is still on the

rise and looking to continue being successful for years to come,” she said. “We’ve graduated a lot of really good players over the last few years, but these girls we have now aren’t afraid to step up and fill those roles.”

Martin football ■ from Page B1

With Martin enjoying a 22-8 lead, the Panthers put together a drive into the red zone that was aided by a pass interference call.

But the Clippers kept Climax-Scotts out of the end zone to maintain their two-touchdown lead heading to halftime.

“The stop at the end of the first half was huge,” Blauvelt said. “We had the pass interference call go against us, which wasn’t good, but the defense stepped up and kept them from scoring and that really made us feel comfortable going into the second half.

In the second half, Haylen Buell scored on a 34-yard run with 6:47 left in the third quarter and Toris scored on a

9-yard run with 5:58 remaining in the game.

“Climax-Scotts is a tough team,” Blauvelt said. “They’re tough and physical and very big. They’re big. But it’s really about mutual respect and we want to beat each other, which is the way it should be. We were able to do it on the field, and that feels good.

In the state semifinals, Martin will face No. 5 Kingston, a 32-8 winner over unranked Capac in its regional title game.

The contest is slated for Saturday, Nov. 15, at Chelsea High School. Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m.

The winner of that game will face either No. 2 Blanchard Montabella or No. 3 Norway for the state

championship on Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Northern

Michigan University Superior Dome in Marquette.

That game will start at 11 a.m.



The Martin football team defeated Climax-Scotts 36-20 in an 8-Player Division 1 regional final to stay unbeaten and, more importantly, keep the hope alive for another state title. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

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SPORTS

Holley thrives on soccer field for Saugatuck

By Jason Wesseldyk
SPORTS EDITOR

SAUGATUCK—As a sophomore last season, Saugatuck soccer standout Dante Holley received Second Team All-State recognition.

As a junior, he wanted more. “I know being Second Team All-State is an honor, but it’s never fun to feel like you are the second-place finisher,” Holley said. “So over the summer I worked as hard as possible to not be the second best. I am a very competitive guy, so I wanted First Team.”

And First Team All-State he got, thanks to season that saw him score 37 goals and assist on 14 others.

Holley now has 87 goals and 36 assists in his career, making him the school record holder in both categories. He also holds the record for goals in a season with the 38 he scored last year.

Holley’s dad Nate had a front-row seat for his son’s exploits this season, as he served as Saugatuck’s varsity coach for the first time after coaching the district’s middle school teams in the past.

“Dante is a cool and collected player,” Nate Holley said. “I’ve always thought his decision making is his strongest suit. While he has a clear penchant for scoring goals, some of his best play comes from seeing the rest of the

field.

“He’s had some jaw-dropping passes in his high school career. I always find it so refreshing that a kid who has so many goals is also so willing to make the correct pass. He’s a student of the game, and it shows.”

And while Dante Holley obviously wants to play his best, his focus is as much on the team as it is himself.

“I think my leadership is one of my best traits on the field,” he said. “I really enjoy trying to elicit greatness in others, as in seeing someone who usually doesn’t play get in the game, or someone who doesn’t score a lot getting a goal.

“I have been a captain for two years now and I think I have grown as a leader over the past two years.”

Nate Holley also noted his son’s evolution as a leader.

“First and foremost, Dante is all about dedication,” Nate Holley said. “He sets up offseason trainings with the rest of the team. He does his best to make sure everyone shows up as much as they can. He demands high effort in training and promotes that by always training at a level that the rest of the team can see and emulate.

“He’s got a big heart, and when someone is struggling or not getting the minutes they want, he’s

there to be a friend. It would be so easy to just be the stud on the team that everyone has to follow, but he ensures everyone feels included.

“If I had to design a star player who still got the best out of teammates, I’d be hard-pressed to design one much different than Dante.”

Holley’s introduction to soccer came a four years old.

Despite his current high level of play in the sport, he wasn’t necessarily a “nature” in those early years, he said.

“I wasn’t that great when I started, but got better as I started taking it more seriously,” he said. “My dad was a huge factor in my development as a soccer player and I started developing at a way higher rate when me and him started playing more.”

Making Dante Holley’s accomplishments the past few years even more impressive is the fact that he’s been pulling double duty when it comes to sports during the fall season.

After some prodding from coaches and other classmates, he joined the football program as a kicker last season. After a year on the JV squad, he was moved to varsity this year and took over the primary kicking duties from the graduated Cam Lewis, who also starred in both soccer and football.

Dante Holley was All-Conference on the gridiron.

“It was very fun to be a dual sport athlete and to try something new,” Dante Holley said. “It is tiring going from football to soccer practice and being expected to perform at a high standard in both, but it is good to keep me busy, and I am glad to make more memories with both teams.”

Nate Holley admitted to have some mixed feelings about football.

Because while he enjoyed watching his son try something new, it was a nerve-racking experience as a parent.

“Football was hard for me,” Coach Holley said. “Don’t get me wrong, I’m super proud of what he’s achieved in football. But kicker is such an individual posi-



Saugatuck junior Dante Holley is seen controlling the ball in a game from this season. He was named First Team All-State for his season that included 37 goals and 14 assists. (Photo by Scott Sullivan)

tion, almost like you have to let your kid jump into the water and hope they can swim.

“Once he’s out there to kick the football, no amount of coaching or parenting can help in that moment. That loss of control was definitely a hurdle for my mental state in games. But as always, Dante has shown me he’s more courageous than I ever was at that age.

“One of (Dante’s mom) Birdie’s and my main goals is that our kids take chances on themselves, be brave, face fears. Just him doing that was the win, and him doing well was the icing on the cake.”

Dante Holley hopes to put the icing on the cake that is his prep soccer career next fall as a senior.

“My biggest goal is to win a district title with Saugatuck next year,” he said. “I made a promise when I came into this program that I would help us win our first district title and I want to fulfill that promise.”

After that, he wants to continue his playing career at the college level.

“Whether it’s D1, D2 or D3 doesn’t really matter to me,” Dante Holley said. “It would obviously be great to play D1, but I just want to extend my playing of the sport I love at a higher level.”



In addition to starring on the soccer field for Saugatuck, Dante Holley was also the kicker for the varsity football team. He earned All-Conference for his work on the gridiron. (Photo provided)

Big weekend for Hoffman

It was quite a weekend for Otsego senior cross country standout Emma Hoffman.

On Friday, Nov. 7, Hoffman officially received her trophy for earning Ms. Cross Country honors. She secured Ms. Cross Country by posting the fastest time for a senior girl in all four divisions at the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 2 State Finals on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Then on Saturday, Nov. 8, Hoffman competed in the Elite race for the MITCA Meet of Champions and took first place with a time of 16:45. (Photos provided)



Swim ■
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Teammate Sylar Luckett was runner-up in the 100 free (56.51) after placing sixth in the 200 free (2:07.25).

Allegan’s Annabell Roden was fourth in diving with 282.0 points.

In the relays, Otsego had a pair of top-three showings: the 400 free team of Xenos, Aubrey Smith, Laney Sweet and Stender was second (3:58.92) and the 200 medley team of Smith, Xenos, Sweet and Stender was third (1:59.35).

Plainwell’s 200 free relay team of Luckett, Brecken DeHaan, Ellah Anderson and Dominguez-Trincado was second at 1:47.74.

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Local students win Lions International Peace Poster contest

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Posters drawn by two 11 year old middle school students have won a local competition sponsored by the Martin Lions Club. Otsego Middle School sixth-grader Hazel Knooihuizen and Martin Public School sixth-grader Delaney Fisher has taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist.

Hazel and Delaney's posters were among more than 450,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere. The contest is open only to 11-13 years olds with the theme based on peace.

The posters were selected in October by Lions members, teaching staff and art teachers Deanne Basse from Otsego and Nicolle Richards from Martin based on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme "Together as One".

Hazel and Delaney's posters will advance through the district, multiple district and international levels of competition if to be

declared the international grand prize winner. One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize winner includes a cash award of US\$5,000 plus a trip for the winner and two family members to the 2026 International Convention in Hong Kong. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of US\$500.

Locally Hazel and Delaney will receive \$50.00 from the Martin Lions Club and honored for their participation at their schools awards ceremony at the end of their school term.



Kids Books for Thanksgiving

Thank you.

Two words that you've know how to say almost since you were able to talk. Two words you hear a lot, and say even more. So what are you thankful for this year? Check out these new books and start making your list...

Who will be around your Thanksgiving table this year? Mom and Dad, brothers and sisters, Grandparents and, in most families, you can count a few friends – just like in "Happy Friendsgiving: A Thanksgiving Celebration of Found Families" by Marcie Colleen and Laura Sandoval Herrera (Doubleday, \$18.99). Gathering together; that's what friends do. They cook and eat and share and clean up, and then share some more. Kids ages 4-to-7 will enjoy having someone read this book to them, just before they sit down to eat.

And what will be on the table on Thanksgiving day? In "Family Feast!" by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Frank Morrison (Crown, \$18.99), the fare is more than fair: Big Ma and Pops have been up since dawn making the meal. Cousins arrive, adults bring their favorite dishes, and you can imagine how good it all smells. But what's the very best thing at the Thanksgiving table every year? Your 4-to-7-year-old will love finding out with this adorable, family-oriented book.



By Terri Schlichenmeyer

No doubt, you've heard a lot of people complaining about a lot of things. But "America Gives Thanks" by Thai My Phoung (Penguin Workshop, \$19.99), your eyes will become open to something that may make you think.

Everybody's excited about a class trip to Washington, D.C., but many of the kids on the bus are complaining about this and that. America, the narrator of this story, can't understand why that's so. Her classmates can sing at the Lincoln Memorial; Marian Anderson had to fight to do that. Ruth Bader Ginsburg worked hard for people's rights. Franklin Roosevelt tried to make sure that everyone had enough resources to live. Senator Claiborne Pell ensured that generations of young people could go to college. Complaining isn't always good, but it's not a bad thing, either, if we all do it together. This is a great book for kids

ages 7-to-11, and a good reminder for adults, too.

And finally, it's fall, y'all, and that might mean a colorful skyline with yellow, orange, and brown leaves. In "Leaf Town Forever" by Kathleen Rooney and Beth Rooney, illustrated by Betsy Bowen (University of Minnesota Press, \$17.95), three friends take fallen leaves and they do something creative with them. Sadly, the leaves don't stick around. Instead, they do something wonderful, something that's great for the animals and the land, something that 3-to-6-year-olds will find magical.

If these books aren't enough for the youngest Thanksgiving lover in your house, then head to your favorite bookstore or library and ask for more. They'll have the right books for small readers, teen readers, and the adult who needs a reminder that the first part in "Thanksgiving" is the most important one. Your librarian or bookseller will know what you want. And thank you!

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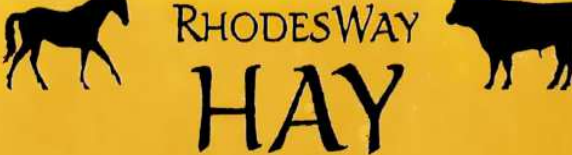


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Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

Amazon, UPS, and several other major corporations recently announced layoffs of thousands of employees who are being replaced by Artificial Intelligence or AI. Are you concerned about your job?

-Man at a farmer’s market on M-89: Laughs and tries to imitate President Trump, “Nope. See, it’s like this. I’m retired, and no machine can do

retirement better than me. I have this beautiful pension. It’s beautiful. Better than you can imagine, and that means I can do retirement better than anyone else. You think about it and you’ll agree.”

-Man, same location: “You know how we used to boast, ‘I have a guy for that?’ Now, it’s more like I got a machine for that. I’m retired, but I worry about my grandkids not having a job or having to work for a machine.”

-Woman in front of the hardware store in Fennville: “I don’t know. I guess I should be, but I got more than a computer to worry about right now.”

-Older couple in front of the Fennville grocery store. Man: “They’ve had AI in here for a year or more. Those barcode scanners. They got two of them and got less employees. It’s everywhere. I told them what I thought of it, but they don’t care. It’s all about money anymore,

and customer service can go to you-know-where. It’s not just here. It’s everywhere.” Woman: “That’s why I don’t go to the big stores in Holland. They get rid of the help to save money. It’s just not right!”

-Young man near the Allegan Public Library: “Meh. It’s no big deal. The world changes and you got to keep up.”

-Woman near the Old Jail Museum. “Back when this place was built

people traveled by steam train and horse and buggy. Steam trains got replaced by new technology and then got replaced by planes. If it wasn’t for computers we’d be back to

the old days.”

-Man with her: “My ten-year-old Buick has more computer stuff in it than the first spaceship to the moon and back. That’s the way things go.”

Murder at the County Fair provides scholarships

By Gari Voss

The Allegan Public Educational Foundation organized wonderful evenings of mystery, food, and fun on November 7 & 8, 2025. With the assistance of playwright Emma Brookhouse and director Mary Kasprzyk, Murder at the County Fair drew in the audience to solve a who-dun-it.

As diners arrived, they were able to visit with friends and get their first look at the Pie Contest contestants who were about to compete in an unforgettable fair event. After appetizers, Act I introduced the characters who would be involved in the Pie Contest at the County Fair. It was obvious that there was bad blood between several of the contestants. Dottie Dunning expected to win, Gertie June was determined to knock Dottie off her throne, Mabel Tiller felt she had a great shot at the blue ribbon, Buck Harper believed that his



Front: Mason Haas, Bill Darnell. Seated: Sarah Schulz, Stephanie Fowler, Cheryl Piippo, Jordan Brookhouse, Anna Augustine, Maggie Darnell. Standing: Jim Augustine.

unique savory pie would tickle the judge’s taste buds, and newcomer Josie Carter had a difficult time understanding the animosity. Carl Crenshaw and Henry Puckett struggled to keep the lid on the classic event when Judge Roy Kincade and his current girlfriend Midge Tiller arrived. More than one of

those present had a motive to bring pompous Kincade into line.

After a wonderful dinner provided by the Allegan Tech Center Culinary students, Act II began. During dinner, there had been an argument between Roy and Midge that drew the others to the parking lot. Once the actors reassembled, the pie

tasting began only to end with Kincade collapsing, and the proclamation that he was truly dead.

The diners then dug into purchasing additional clues and sleuthing to discover who had murdered Kincade. The lead detective called everyone back together and reviewed the litany of clues that led to the true murder.

The Educational Foundation board and volunteers took time to thank all in attendance and the many sponsors who made this fundraiser so much fun while filling the foundation’s coffers. The Foundation, that was established in 1988, will continue providing scholarships for seniors of Allegan High School plus mini-grants for Allegan Public Schools staff to purchase resources to enrich their classrooms. Donations can still be made by mailing a check to Allegan Public Schools, 550 5th St., Allegan, MI 49010 or calling (269) 673-5431.



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PEEK AT THE PAST

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

Nov. 13, 1950
First homecoming called big success: More than 200 alumni of Allegan High School joined with an equal number of present-day students Friday night to stage their first annual homecoming—and it was unanimously judged a big success.

The high school gym was packed for the homecoming dance followed the Grand Rapids Lee football game.

After attending the game, alumni thawed out in class meetings and gab fests. Seven classes requested rooms for reunions with the 1941 class having the best representation.

Ray Adams, representing the class of 1898, was believed to be the oldest grad present.

A highlight of the festivities was the crowning of Grace Jorgensen and Bob Kyes as king and queen of the event. Floyd Holland, representing the class of 1905, did the honors.

Plans for a repeat performance in 1951 were heartily endorsed by those attending.

Nov. 13, 1975
New twist in college district bill: More than 150 Alleganites invaded a meeting room at Kalamazoo Valley Community

College last Friday to complain about a portion of a Senate bill that may not be a problem at all.

But while one problem may be eliminated, another may have surfaced.

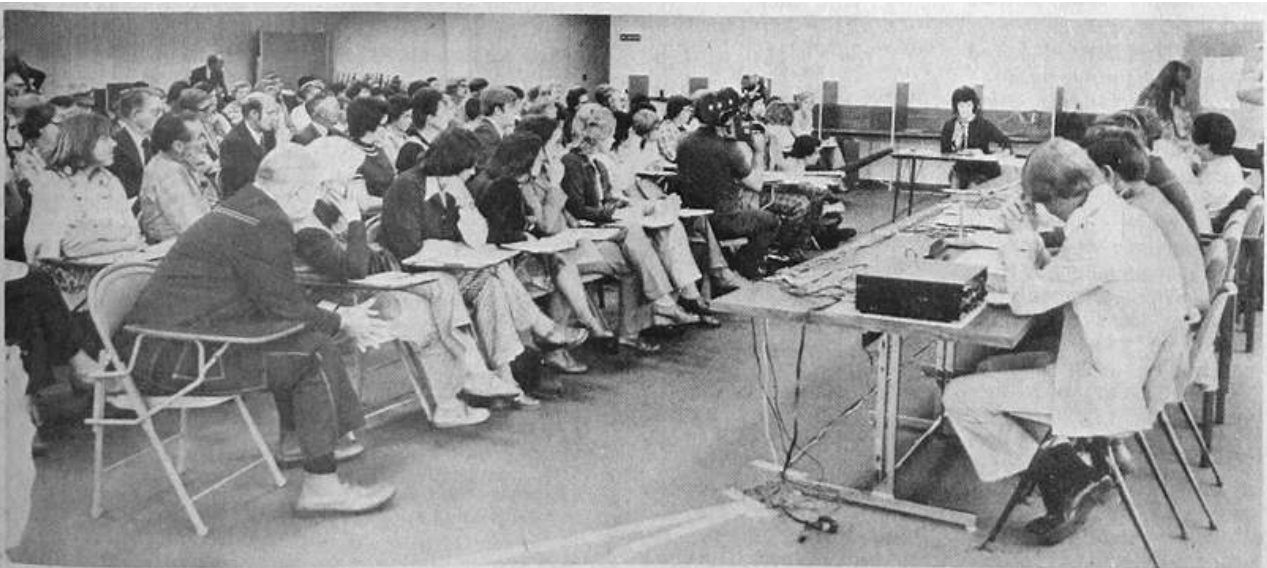
Called Senate Bill No. 1080, the bill would assign all school districts in the state to community college districts. In Allegan's case, the district would join, under the bill's present wording, Southwestern Michigan Community College in Dowagiac.

That was the original problem, the one that inspired most of the Allegan residents to journey to the hearing, which was chaired by Sen. Gary Corbin, a Democrat from Clio. Also on the hearing panel were Sens. Gary Byker (R-Hudsonville) and John A. "Jack" Welborn (R-Kalamazoo).

Without exception, those from Allegan who spoke said they were opposed to the Southwestern Michigan district and preferred instead to join with KVCC.

Early in the hearing, Byker said, "I'm not too concerned about a boundary question. Internal adjustments are easy enough to make. We can add an amendment fairly easily which will change the bill's wording."

"Our biggest concern is whether or not residents of the Allegan Public Schools district are willing to pay another one and a half



Mrs. Vickie Heckman testifies before the Senate committee that conducted a public hearing last Friday at Kalamazoo Valley Community College, a hearing attended by more than 150 Allegan

school district residents, most of whom were opposed to a provision of a Senate bill which would assign Allegan to the Southwestern Michigan Community College district.

—News & Gazette photo

mills to belong to any community college district."

Nov. 16, 2000
Big defense aids Plainwell's championship season: It's an adage that's prominent throughout the world of athletics: defense wins championships.

But for the Plainwell boys soccer team, that wasn't simply an old saying. It was the definition of the season for the Trojans.

At Bloomfield Hills Andover on Saturday, Nov. 11, the Trojans used their stifling defense to shut down Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 2-0, and claim the Division 3 state title.

"We've just been solid all year," Plainwell senior goalie Rob Killick said. "Our defense got us into the state championship

and here we stepped it up even more."

Trojan coach Garry Snyder agreed.

"This is unbelievable," Snyder said. "Our defense really came through for us again. It's just a great defensive unit that has been great all year."

That unit, which includes J.J. Jansons, Mark Killick and first-year starters Grant Bowen and Brandon Sparks, limited Notre Dame Prep to 15 shots on goal. Of those shots, none found their way past Rob Killick as he recorded his third consecutive shutout of the postseason and 14th overall for the season.

"It was great," Jansons said. "There's not much you can say other than that. We just played touch once again and got another shutout."

Nov. 12, 2020
ACHD asks residents to do their part with pandemic: Over the past few weeks, the Allegan County Health Department (ACHD) has experienced an increase in the number of new COVID-19 cases being reported. Currently, an average of 65 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 each day have been reported to ACHD, compared to an average of four new confirmed cases each day that was reported to ACHD over the summer.

Our staff is working hard and even with our best efforts, we are not able to investigate everyone as quickly as we would like. The Allegan

County Health Department is asking everyone to do their part in curbing this spike of COVID-19 cases in our community.

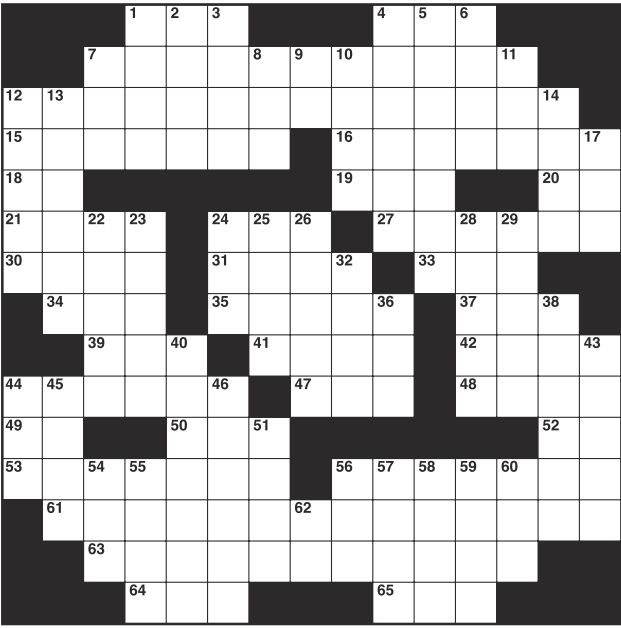
"This has been an incredibly long response and we are experiencing pandemic fatigue on some level. Now more than ever, we need our community to do practice the 3 W's—wash your hands, watch your distance, and wear a mask—and minimize in-person interactions within your social circle. With the rapid increase of new cases, we know community spread is occurring," states Allegan County Health Officer, Angeli-que Joynes, MPH, RN.

There may be a delay in contacting someone who tests positive for the virus or has been in close contact to someone who has COVID-19. If you receive a positive COVID-19 test result, isolate for a minimum of 10 days from the start of your symptom(s) or your positive test date if you didn't have symptoms.

Notify your close contacts that they may have been exposed and encourage them to quarantine for 14 days from their last date of contact with you. If you know you are a close contact, start self-quarantine.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Expression of surprise
- 4. Keyboard key
- 7. One who works on lights
- 12. Notable children's story
- 15. Fall back into a bad pattern
- 16. Eye parts
- 18. Atomic #18
- 19. Of she
- 20. Farm state
- 21. One point south of southeast
- 24. British media entity
- 27. Asian garment
- 30. Drench
- 31. Expressions of pleasure
- 33. Turf
- 34. UK trade union (abbr.)

- 35. Bleated
- 37. Fifth note of a major scale
- 39. Paddle
- 41. Monetary unit of Italy
- 42. American classical pianist
- 44. Shuts down for the day
- 47. Seize
- 48. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 49. Greeting
- 50. Some cars still need it
- 52. Atomic #22
- 53. Let go
- 56. Marched in public
- 61. U.S. residents, Mexicans and Canadians
- 63. Hostilities
- 64. Speak aloud
- 65. River in NE Scotland

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Razorbill genus
- 2. Longtime Baltimore tight end
- 3. Performs on stage
- 4. Supports a sentiment
- 5. Rugged mountain ranges
- 6. Broadway songwriter Sammy
- 7. Snakelike fish
- 8. Men's fashion accessory
- 9. Hospital worker
- 10. Something to scratch
- 11. No (Scottish)
- 12. Volcanic ash
- 13. Of this
- 14. American jazz drummer Watts
- 17. Drop down
- 22. English dialect
- 23. Predatory seabirds
- 24. Imams' deputies
- 25. Fertility god
- 26. Fence material
- 28. Parks and DeLauro

- are two
- 29. Distinctive smell (Brit.)
- 32. Protein-rich liquids
- 36. Touch lightly
- 38. Season for Catholics
- 40. Boat race
- 43. Police actions
- 44. Chinese river
- 45. Waterfall (Scottish)
- 46. Walk ostentatiously
- 51. Type of carpet
- 54. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- 55. Sea eagles
- 56. An enclosure for confining livestock
- 57. Dry
- 58. An increase in price or value
- 59. The highest point of something
- 60. Government lawyers
- 62. Larry and Curly's pal

■ see Solution, Page B7



The Trojans celebrate their state championship by raising the trophy and number one sign indicating they are the best in the state in soccer. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

DEATHS

Sept. 12, 2025
DOUGLAS JAMES WATKINS SR, 67, Plainwell
Oct. 24, 2025
WILLIAM DALE VANDERVELDEN, 88, Laketown Twp.
Oct. 25, 2025
KIMBERLY ANN WROBLESKI, 50, Lee Twp.
BELINDA KAY SHERMAN, 73, Douglas
Oct. 26, 2025
RITA NOWAK, 91, Casco Twp.

Oct. 27, 2025
JAMES IRVIN HARNISH, 84, Martin Twp.
SANDRA KAY MERCHANT, 65, Allegan
Oct. 28, 2025
DIANA LYNN HALL, 76, Plainwell
RONALD LEE THAXTON, 96, Otsego
CHARLES OSCAR HOOPER, 75, Lee Twp.
THOMAS EUGENE ZIEGLER, 73, Douglas

JAMES ROBERT VICKERY, 51, Otsego
Oct. 29, 2025
JOYCE ANN PARKER, 77, Dorr Twp.
KAY ANN BOLTHOUSE, 80, Dorr Twp.
Oct. 30, 2025
GARY LYNFORD ROYSTON, 74, Gun Plain

WADE J GREENAWALT, 80, Wayland
LYNDA LOU PETTY, 76, Saugatuck Twp.
Oct. 31, 2025
WILLIAM DEWEY WELCH, 64, Allegan
Nov. 2, 2025
DENNIS MERLIN LAFOUNTAIN, 65, Martin Twp.

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(See Solution Page B7)

MARRIAGES

The following people applied for a marriage license between Oct. 28 and Nov. 5:

LAUREN JANNA VONK, Fennville, and **JACOB BRITTON BACHMAN,** Fennville
ANDREW PETER TAYLOR, Wayland, and **SYDNEY LANE GRABER,** FORT WAYNE, IN
MELISSA NICHOLE LEIGH FRANKLIN, Dorr, and **RYAN DAVID BENEDICT,** Dorr
AUSTEN VERN NAUSIEDA, Wayland, and **JESSECA RYAN ULFERTS,** Wayland
CHASE MICHAEL JAMES NEVINS, Martin, and **ALORA DANNI KATHLEEN BARBEAUX,** Martin
GERARD IGNATIUS MASLANKA, Fennville, and **MOLINE TUCKER MALLAMO,** Grandville

WILLIAM STEVEN MILLER, Allegan, and **KAYLA MARIE ALLEN,** Allegan
ARIEL RAIN BELLGRAPH, Wayland, and **AARON MICHAEL JAWORSKI,** Wayland
MARY ANN ERVAY, Allegan, and **ROBERT LEE GUTHRIE JR,** Allegan
ANGELIA RAY HERBERT, Allegan, and **JASON PAUL MAN- NON,** Allegan
CHRISTIAN SALVATORE MELONE, Hamilton, and **JULIA RENEE HOPKINS,** Hamilton
MICHAEL PAUL GREEN, Allegan, and **HEATHER LYNN HILL- MAN,** Grand Junction
JENNIFER LYNN BAILEY, Allegan, and **JACOB LEE WAHL- STROM,** Allegan
CHARLES CHRISTIAN VER- LEY, Holland, and **DESTINY LOVE CONDE,** Holland

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Name(s) of the mortgor(s): Zachary Kragness, a single man
Original Mortgage: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationalstar Mortgage LLC
Date of Mortgage: July 3, 2017
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 11, 2017
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$192,003.38

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Fennville, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 20, Landsburg's Plat, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 26, Allegan County Records
Common street address (if any): 5667 Landsburg Rd, Fennville, MI 49408-9479
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: October 23, 2025
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Farmington Hills, MI 48334
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Name(s) of the mortgor(s): Jack Cafretas and Megan Cafretas, husband and wife
Original Mortgage: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lake Michigan Credit Union
Date of Mortgage: February 7, 2023
Date of Mortgage Recording: February 14, 2023
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$169,589.16

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Gunplain, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of Section 29, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, Gun Plain Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section; Thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 38 seconds West on the South Section line, 1676.73 feet to the Centerline of Riverview Drive, thence North 35 degrees 52 minutes 52 seconds West on said Centerline 530.82 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence continuing North 35 degrees 52 minutes 52 seconds West on said centerline 109.43 feet; thence South 54 degrees 07 minutes 08 seconds West at right angles to said centerline 322.00 feet; thence South 35 degrees 52 minutes 52 second East, parallel with said Centerline 109.37 feet; thence North 54 degrees 07 minutes 46 seconds East 322.01 feet to the Point of beginning.
Common street address (if any): 874 Riverview Dr, Plainwell, MI 49080-1822
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on December 04, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale.

Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
MORTGAGE: Mortgor(s): Jason Fein, unmarried man Original Mortgage: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: June 23, 2020 Recorded on July 7, 2020, Liber 4480, on Page 852, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen and 52/100 Dollars (\$125,915.52) Foreclosed premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 1, Town 4 North, Range 13 West, Salem Township, Allegan County, Michigan described as: Beginning distant South 01 degree 28 minutes 04 seconds East 823.26 feet along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section from the North 1/4 corner of said Section; thence continuing South 01 degree 28 minutes 04 seconds East 300.00 feet along said North-South 1/4 line to the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section; thence South 88 degrees 27 minutes 56 seconds West 300.40 feet along said South line; thence North 01 degree 28 minutes 04 seconds West 300.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 27 minutes 56 seconds East 290.40 feet to the North-South 1/4 line of said Section and the Point of Beginning. Commonly known as 4774 25th St. Dorr, MI 49323 The redemtion period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgage/Assignee Schneideman & Sherman P.C. 23936 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400 1575669 (10-23)(11-13)

NOTICE TO CREDITOR'S TRUST ADMINISTRATION
TO ALL CREDITORS:
The Settlor, DONALD R MARSTON, 8-28-1943 died 10-14-2025. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom letters of administration have been issued.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the [ONALD R MARSTON dated 10-27-2025, as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to IAN E MARSTON, Trustee at 4156 AVON, DORR MI 49323 within four months after the date of publication.
Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.
Date: 10-27-2025
IVAN E MARSTON

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
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Name(s) of the mortgor(s): Herman Campos, a single man
Original Mortgage: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Allied First Bank, SB DBA ServBank
Date of Mortgage: September 15, 2014
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 1, 2014
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$97,879.02

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Salem, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: The West 200 feet of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 21, Town 4 North, Range 13 West, Allegan County, State of Michigan.

Common street address (if any): 3043 140th Ave, Dorr, MI 49323-9531
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
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Date of notice: October 30, 2025
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9:00 AM, on December 4, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgor(s): Tomas Brvenik and Anne L Oxendine, husband and wife
Original Mortgage: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lake Michigan Credit Union
Date of Mortgage: November 12, 2020
Date of Mortgage Recording: December 8, 2020
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$209,899.29

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Saugatuck, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 3 North, Range 16 West, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section which is South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 1130.35 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 154.05 feet; thence South 89 degrees 18 minutes 13 seconds East 198.00 feet along a line which is North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 25.00 feet from and parallel with the South line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 154.05 feet; thence North 89 degrees 18 minutes 13 seconds West 198.00 feet to the point of beginning. Saugatuck Township, Allegan County, Michigan.

Common street address (if any): 2955 66th St, Fennville, MI 49408-9642
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
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Name(s) of the mortgor(s): Hershel Baker and Sarah Baker, husband and wife
Original Mortgage: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): GITSIT Solutions, LLC, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Separate Trustee of GV Trust 2025-1
Date of Mortgage: September 21, 2005
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 6, 2005
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$158,928.57

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Manlius, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 9, Retreat Subdivision, Manlius Township, Allegan County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded at Liber 6, Page 7, Allegan County Records.

Common street address (if any): 5386 Revellie Rd, Fennville, MI 49408-9590
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
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Name(s) of the mortgor(s): Gregory J Ginel II, married man
Original Mortgage: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Brighthouse Life Insurance Company
Date of Mortgage: October 17, 2022
Date of Mortgage Recording: November 1, 2022
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$1,237,730.85

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Casco, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 5, Plat of Beverly Beach, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Page 1
Common street address (if any): 7258 Beverly Dr, South Haven, MI 49090-8653
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: October 30, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1576020
(10-30)(11-20)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on December 4, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgor(s): Mathew W Prins and Melissa Prins, Husband and Wife
Original Mortgage: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.
Date of Mortgage: January 5, 2015
Date of Mortgage Recording: January 8, 2015
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$108,666.84

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Heath, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing At A Point On The West Line Of P.M. Railroad Right Of Way, 52 Rods And 13 Feet South From The Township Line, Thence West 13 Rods And 14 Feet; Thence North 6 Rods And 13 Feet; Thence East To West Line Of Said P.M. Railroad Right Of Way, Thence Southeasterly Along The West Line Of Said Railroad Right Of Way To Place Of Beginning, Being Part Of The Northwest 1/4 Of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West.

Also, Commencing 75 Feet South Of The North Section And Township Line And The Westerly Line Of P.M. Railway, Thence West To A Point 285 Feet West Of The North And South 1/4 Line Of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West, Thence North 33 Feet; Thence East To The Westerly Line Of Said Pere Marquette Railway Right Of Way; Thence Southeasterly Along Said Line To Place Of Beginning, All In The Northwest 1/4 Of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West, Subject To Driveway Easement Set Forth In Deed Recorded In Liber 407, Page 81.

Together With Grant Of Easement For Ingress And Egress As Recorded In Liber 981 On Page 173.
Common street address (if any): 3570 Trackside Dr, Hamilton, MI 49419-9029
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Date of notice: October 30, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1576136
(10-30)(11-20)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
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Name(s) of the mortgor(s): Christopher Castro, an unmarried man

Original Mortgage: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lake Michigan Credit Union
Date of Mortgage: March 8, 2022
Date of Mortgage Recording: March 10, 2022
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$282,698.18

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 42 in the Wild Flower Ridge, according to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 3364, Page 570, Allegan County Records, and any amendments thereto and designated as Allegan County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 284, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended
Common street address (if any): 835 Wild Flower Ct, Wayland, MI 49348-1480
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: November 6, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1576324
(11-06)(11-27)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65875-DA and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Mary Edna Pigeon Vanderwood
Date of Birth:"XXX"
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mary Edna Pigeon Vanderwood, died 9-8-2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mari Liz Comer, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

11-10-2025
Mari Liz Comer
6 Oakleaf Way
Palm Coast, FL 32137
904-322-3066

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solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: November 13, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Nationsstar Mortgage LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00749-1 (11-13)(12-04)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65912-DE and JUDGE Hon. Jolene Clearwater
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Dawn Kimberly Heisler Date of Birth:"12/08/1963"
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Dawn Kimberly Heisler, died 10/06/2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Bryan Bowen, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
October 31, 2025
Gary E. Tibble PA3886
5144 Kulk Rd.
Kalamazoo, MI 49048
269-383-6000
Bryan Bowen
1951 N. Arbor Way Dr. Apt. 44
Canton, MI 48188
517-617-9876

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65913-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Linda Lou Noyes, Deceased Date of Birth:"01-12-1941"
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Linda Lou Noyes, died 10-6-2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Karen L. Fritz, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
11-4-2025
Christopher T. Antkowiak P59448
416 Hubbard Street
Allegan, MI 49010
(269)673-8468
Karen L. Fritz
906 110th Avenue
Plainwell, MI 49080
(269) 569-5563

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RELIGION SECTION

One of the advantages of the internet is our ability to connect and collaborate with others. For some time now, I have been having a dialogue with a fellow who had a rough childhood that led to a very sketchy early life. He was arrested and spent a few years in prison which, he now says, is the best thing that ever happened to him. That is because he had many weeks in solitary confinement that gave him the chance to think and reflect. As a result, he now has many good ideas to share with other, and has become something of a spiritual mentor.

Both of us agree that all good prayer begins with thanksgiving. Instead of rushing straight to our ‘wish list’ of petitions, we slow down and first thank God for all that has happened in our life. Then, we thank God by letting him know that he has brought us this far without ‘dropping us off’ and have trust in his continued mercy and grace.

We continue by thanking God for the wonderful heritage we have received. He wrote, “You thank God for

your parents who did their best by you. You thank God for your ancestors who survived by perseverance and faith. You thank God for your teachers. You thank God for the old man or woman who said something

kind to you when you were at your lowest. That’s when you needed it the most.”

Even if these people from our past were ‘nobodies’ in the eyes of the world, they set good examples for us. This is the true inher-

itance we received that is more valuable than anything else.

When I began using his ideas, one day I thought of my father talking with his friends about a young man who worked at the hard-

ware next door. All of them agreed he was a “steady worker.” He arrived early, went to work, never took more than his allotted break time, and left when the work was done, not when the clock said it was time to put down the tools. He was a true good man. They said those who words with admiration and respect.

The next day, I thought of my mother who spent hours at her sewing machine to make nice clothes for my sister. Mother had grown up in Oklahoma during the Great Depression, and she wanted to give my sister something she never had: New clothes, not hand-me-downs made out of patterned flour bag material. Good clothes were a tool for building self-esteem and confidence.

Their love, compassion, and hard work took on new meaning when I realized this was a godly inheritance.

G C Stoppel
Priest Associate
Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd,
Allegan, MI



Directory of Area Churches

Allegan Assembly of God
424 DeLano St, Allegan
Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
Church: 673-6577

Allegan Bible Church
412 S. Sherman, Allegan
Pastor Jon Gruss
Church: 673-6831

Allegan Christian Center
700 Ely St., Allegan
Paul Knuckles, Pastor
Church: 673-2921

Allegan County Jail
Chaplain Sarah Montgomery
Phone: 673-0350

Allegan United Methodist Church
Corner Walnut & Trowbridge streets, Allegan
Pastor Julia Humenik
Church: 673-4236;

At the Master's Feet
814 21st St., Otsego
269-694-6897
Paster Ray Brown

Blessed Sacrament Church
110 N. Cedar Street, Allegan
Fr. Simon Manjooran
Church: 673-4455

Bloomington Bible Church
210 Chestnut at Pine NW
Bloomin gdale
Ofc. 269-427-2101

Bravo Community Church
5587 113th Ave., Fennville
Pastor Duane Terpstra
616-886-1214

Burnips United Methodist
4241 30th, Burnips
Craig VanBeek, Pastor
616-896-8410

Calvary Church of Wayland (IFCA)
304 S. Main Street, Wayland
Pastor Chad Peckham
ccwayland.org

Casco United Methodist Church
880 66th Street, South Haven
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
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Pastor Wally Coots

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687 Linn Street, Allegan
Church: 673-9617

Church of God - Otsego
112 Kalamazoo St., Otsego
Pastor Stephen Burrow Sr.
269-694-9481
www.otsegocog.com

Corner Bible Church
4001 124th Allegan
673-5995
www.cornerbiblechurch.com

CrossWind Community Church
1632 142nd Avenue
Dorr, MI 49323
616-359-9013
Pastor Tommy Boutell

Dunningville Reformed Church
2559 M-40, Allegan
Church: 751-5894
Pastor Eric Burrows-Stone
dunningville.org/index.html

East Martin Christian Reformed Church
510-118th Ave., Martin
269-672-5746
www.eastmartincrc.org

Epiphany Lutheran Church (LCMS)
4219 Parklane, Dorr
www.epiphanydorr.org
Sunday service at 9:15 a.m., Bible Study and Sunday School following

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
101 North Walnut St, Allegan
Office: 673-2254

Faith Baptist Church
2846 125th Ave., Allegan
John Looman, Pastor
673-5040 1-888-354-3272

Fennville Assembly of God
5897 124th Ave.
Fennville, MI 49408
269-561-2683

Fennville United Methodist Church
5849 124th St., Fennville
269-561-5048
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

First Presbyterian Church
200 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church: 673-4631
www.fpcallegan.org
10:00 service time.

First Baptist Church
1290 32nd St., Allegan
Service at 10:00am
Pastors Nathan Smith & Brendon Bayley
www.fbcalleagan.com

First Baptist Church of Otsego
247 E Allegan St., Otsego
(269) 694-4160
firstbaptist@fbcotsego.org

First Church of God
1313 Marshall Street, Allegan
269 673-3881
www.pathtohim.org
Pastor, Tim Secord

First Congregational Church
323 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church Office: 673-3139
Pastor Todd Wagner

First Congregational Church
120 W. Morrell St., Otsego
269-694-6085
Pastor Lenny Luchetti

First Presbyterian Church of Plainwell
303 East Bridge St.
Plainwell, MI 49080
685-5990

Friendship Bible Church
104 Baker St., Hopkins, MI
Pastor Chris Cronk and Worship Pastor Tony Caldaraona
Office 793-7929

Ganges Baptist Church
6577 122nd Avenue, Fennville
269-543-4203
11AM each Sunday

Ganges United Methodist Church
2218 68th St
Fennville MI 49408
Phone 269-543-3581
Lay Minister - Marcia A. Tucker

Grace Church of Hamilton
3690 Lincoln Rd. P.o. Box 97
Hamilton MI 49419
269.264.4900
Gracechurchofhamilton@gmail.com

Hope Lutheran Church
290 12th St., Plainwell
(269) 685-1348
Pastor Nicole Smith
Worship 10:30am; S. School 9:15am

Hopkins Community Reformed Church
2142 128th Ave., Hopkins
(269) 793-7361
hopkinscommunitychurch.net

Hopkins United Methodist Church
322 N. Maple St., Hopkins
(269) 793-7323
Pastor Kelsey French

Horseshoe Community Bible Church
4950 104th Avenue, Grand Junction
269-521-4580 ·
Pastor Don Miller

Immanuel Lutheran Church
631 Grand Street, Allegan
Church: 673-3335
Rev. Christopher Laughlin

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
2199 Taft Road, Allegan
Phone: 673-6179

Living Waters Community Church
5458 M-89, Fennville
Service: 10:30 Sundays
Pastor Andrew Leach
269-561-5277

Martin Reformed Church
1073 W. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor: Matthew Hendricks
672-5596

Martin United Methodist Church
969 E. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor Margaret Stoken
269-672-7097
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Office: 673-5274
www.mersonchurch.org

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5425 105th Ave., Pullman
Pastor Everett Belue
269-382-3405

New Hope Baptist Church
2011 Lincoln Road (M-40 N)
Pastor Tadd Butler
673-1938

Northbridge Church
8824 Douglas, Kalamazoo
269-385-4378 ·
www.northbridge.cc

Northpoint Ministries
04077 M40 (M40/CR390)
Gobles MI · 269.628.9199
Pastor Gary Lounsberry
Sunday Worship: 11am

OAKLAND CRC
4460 38th Street
Hamilton. MI. 49419

616 688 5290
Pastor Mark Vande Zande

Otsego United Methodist Church
223 E Allegan St. Otsego MI
10:00 a.m. Worship
Reverend Dan Minor
OtsegoMETHODISTCHURCH.ORG

Pathfinder North Church
(A Global Methodist Church)
532 M 89, Otsego, MI 49078
9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Worship
Rev Ron Hansen
Pathfindernorth.com

Peace Lutheran Church
805 S. Wilmott St., Otsego
www.peaceotsego.com
694-6104

Pearl United Methodist Church
1689 56th St., Fennville
269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

Pentecostal Church of God I.M
2281 57th St, Fennville
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Sunday/Domingo @ 10:00 am
Worship Service @ 11:00am
Rev. Jeremias & Maribel Gaytan
231) 923-6887 - (231) 923-6959
Email: gytanj@yahoo.com

Plainwell Church of Christ
911 James St.
Plainwell, Michigan 49080

Plainwell First Baptist Church
404 W. Bridge St., Plainwell
(269) 685-8888
Pastor George Osborn

Plainwell First United Methodist Church
200 Park St. Plainwell
269-685-5113
www.fumcplainwell.com

Rectify Church
247 N. Main St., Allegan
616-218-1556
Pastor Sarah Montgomery

Redemption Place Church of God
1900 M-40, Allegan
Pastor Deborah Leshner
Church: 269-355-1167

Refreshing Springs Ministries
201 Briggs St., Allegan
616-510-7416
Pastor Adrian Hall

River of Life Church
605 W. Allegan, Otsego
269-672-9904
www.alleganchurch.com

Seventh Day Adventist

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229 Cutler Street, Allegan
Dan Rachor, Pastor
Church: 673-3284

Shelbyville United Methodist Church
938 124th Ave., Shelbyville
672-7097 · Church office
Pastor Margaret Stoken

South Monterey United Methodist Church
Pastor Kelsey French
Church: 793-7323

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church
11850 9 Mile Rd., Shelbyville
269-664-4345
Service: Sundays 9:30 am

Saint John's Church Of God In Christ
716 Academy St, Allegan
Rev. Jeremiah Johnson Sr.
Phone: 673-8590—673-3007

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
1764 34th St., Allegan
Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

St. Margaret's Catholic Church
766 S. Farmer St., Otsego
269-694-6311

Third Coast Community Church
www.thirdcoastff.org |
269.857.5633
6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck,
MI 49453
Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Trowbridge Community Church
355 26th Street, Otsego
Pastor Mykel Hall, Pastor
Church: 673-5502

Unity Baptist Church
35 14 12th St. Wayland
Pastor Kelly Ryan
Cell # (269) 330-2217

Watson Bible Church
1626 116th St., Otsego
Pastor Tim Morris
672-2166

Wayland Community Church
502 West Superior, Wayland
(616) 877-6134
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Village Market, All Natural

Boneless Assorted Center Cut or Butterfly Pork Loin Chops

America's Cut, Thin, Pepper Seasoned or Seasoned America's Cut

BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG. OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE

FREE!

Smithfield Shank Portion Ham

\$129 lb.

Smithfield Bone-In Butt Portion Ham

\$125 lb.

Our Family Idaho Russet Potatoes
8 lb.

\$199



Select Varieties

Our Family Apples
3 lb. Bag

2/\$6



Select Varieties

Stove Top Stuffing
6 oz.

2/\$4



Save at least \$2.78 on 2

Pioneer Granulated Sugar
4 lb.

\$299



Save at least \$1.00 on 1

Gold Medal All-Purpose Flour
Regular or Unbleached, 5 lb.

\$299



Save at least \$2.00 on 1

Our Family Butter Quarters
Salted or Unsalted
16 oz.

\$299

\$3.99 - \$1.00

When You Buy 5

Lesser or More Qty.'s \$3.99 Each



Cheez-It Snack Crackers
5.75 - 12.4 oz.

\$249

\$3.49 - \$1.00

When You Buy 5

Lesser or More Qty.'s \$3.49 Each



Select Varieties

Progresso Soup

Traditional, Homestyle, Light, Protein, Rich & Hearty or Pitmaster
14 - 19 oz.

BUY ONE, GET ONE OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE

FREE!

Save at least \$3.34 on 2



Select Varieties

Birds Eye Steamfresh Vegetables or Chopped Spinach
Box, 10 - 10.8 oz.

BUY ONE, GET ONE OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE

FREE!

Save at least \$1.44 on 2



Assorted Varieties

7-Up Products
12 pk., 12 oz. cans (plus deposit)

BUY ONE, GET ONE

FREE!

Save at least \$4.44 on 2



VILLAGE MARKET Xpress

Fuel Savings!

We offer you more ways to save in store and at the pump!

save 10¢ On Each Gallon of Fuel!

Spend \$40 or more on groceries and receive 10¢ off each gallon of gas! (up to 25 gallons)

save 30¢ On Each Gallon of Fuel!

Spend \$60 or more on groceries and receive 30¢ off each gallon of gas! (up to 25 gallons)

best savings 40¢ On Each Gallon of Fuel!

Spend \$80 or more on groceries and receive 40¢ off each gallon of gas! (up to 25 gallons)

*Excludes tobacco, lottery, stamps, gift cards, western union, money orders, bottle deposits and sales tax. Limit 1 offer per transaction, per customer. Promo valid 14 days. See store for more details.

We reserve the right to limit quantities.

We are not providing rain checks due to supply chain issues.

Fresh Produce

At Great Prices!

Our Family Navel Oranges

(4 lb.) or
Halos Clementines, (3 lb.)

\$4.99

Fresh Express Caesar Salad Mix

9.3 - 10.4 oz.

2/\$7

Fresh
Celery
each

\$2.49

Sweet Potatoes

79¢
lb.

Our Family Yellow or Red Potatoes

5 lb.

\$2.99

Our Family Apple Cider

Half Gallon

2/\$7

Our Family Carrots

3 lb.

\$2.99

Fresh
Green Beans

\$1.99
lb.



Organic PRODUCE



Select Varieties
Earthbound Farm Organic Salad Mix

5 oz.

2/\$7



Organic
Avocados
each

2/\$3



floral center

6-Inch
Poinsettia
each

\$9.99

Pumpkin Spice Bouquet
each

\$18.99

Fresh Deli



Boar's Head

Available At Our Allegan Location Only.

Boar's Head Black Forest Ham

\$11.99
lb.



Boar's Head Sweet B's Honey Roasted Chicken

\$13.49
lb.

Boar's Head Muenster Cheese

\$9.49
lb.

Boar's Head Yellow or White Vermont Cheddar Cheese

\$8.99
lb.

Old Tyme Deli Ham

Brown Sugar, Maple or Off-the-Bone

\$7.49
lb.



Save at least 50¢ lb.

Old Tyme Deli Provolone Cheese

\$5.99
lb.



Save at least \$1.00 lb.

Grab 'N Go
16-Piece Deli Fried Chicken

\$19.99



Save at least \$3.00

Fresh, Deli Made
Chicken Pot Pies
each

2/\$7.98



Save at least \$2.00 on 2.



Old Fashioned Bread Pudding

\$7.79
lb.

Save at least 50¢ lb.



Redskin Dill Potato Salad

\$5.99
lb.

Save at least 50¢



Boursin Gournay Cheese

5 oz.

\$6.49

Save at least 50¢

\$5.99

Daily Lunch Specials

Monday - Friday 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Monday, Nov. 17:

1/2 Panini of the Day
includes 1 Hot Side
& 1 Cold Side



Tuesday, Nov. 18:

Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich
includes 1 Hot Side
& 1 Cold Side



Wednesday, Nov. 19:

2-Piece Chicken
includes 1 Hot Side
& 1 Cold Side (Limit 1 Breast)



Thursday, Nov. 20:

Pork Chop
includes 1 Hot Side
& 1 Cold Side



Friday, Nov. 21:

4-Piece Chicken Tenders
includes 1 Hot Side
& 1 Cold Side



Fresh Bakery

Not Available In All Stores.

Vienna Bread

16 oz.

\$2.99

Save at least 50¢



Dinner or Potato Rolls

12 ct.

\$3.49

Save at least \$1.00



Pumpkin Pie

8-Inch

\$7.99

Save at least \$1.00



Select Varieties
Gourmet Cookies

10 ct.

\$4.99

Save at least \$1.00



Butterflake Rolls

8 ct.

\$3.49

Save at least 50¢



Assorted Varieties
Turnovers

4 ct.

(includes cranberry cream cheese)

\$4.49

Save at least 50¢





USDA Certified Tender

Rib-Eye Steak • Rib-Eye Roast • New York Strip Loin Roast • Beef Tenderloin
New York Strip Steak • T-Bone Steak • Porterhouse Steak

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Village Market,
All Natural, Fresh

Pork Steak

Regular, BBQ, Thin,
Thick, Boneless, Stuffed
Regular or Family Pack Size
or Mix or Match

Pork Strips

Regular or BBQ

BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG.
OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE

FREE!



Village Market,
All Natural

Boneless Center Cut Half Pork Loin

Regular or Stuffed

BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG.
OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE

FREE!

Ground Hamburger

3 lb. or more pkg.

\$4.99

lb.



Certified Fresh
Ground Beef
From Round
3 lb. or more pkg.

\$6.69

lb.

Assorted Sizes

Our Family Fresh Turkeys

\$1.99

lb.



Tender Ridge,
Choice Angus

Boneless Beef Ball Tip Sizzle Steak

Family Pack

\$6.99

lb.

Lesser
Amount Pkg.
\$7.49
lb.



Grade A, Fresh

Chicken Leg Quarters

10 lb. bag

\$7.99

All Natural,
Fresh Grade A
Open Acres
Boneless, Skinless
Chicken Thighs
Family Pack

\$3.99

lb.

Tender Ridge, Choice Angus

Beef T-Bone Steak

Family Pack

\$12.99

lb.



Village Market, All Natural

Boneless Baby Back Ribs

Regular or BBQ

BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG.
OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE

FREE!



Butcher Shoppe Specialties

Village Market,
Store Made, Fresh

Bulk Bacon Pork Sausage

\$3.29

lb.



Village Market,
Store Made, Fresh

Original Bulk Pork Breakfast Sausage

Family Pack

\$2.99

lb.



Village Market,
Store Made

Bacon Cheddar Meatloaf

\$7.99

lb.



Tender Ridge Angus

Boneless Beef Stew Meat

Family Pack

\$7.99

lb.



Select Varieties

Eckrich Sausage Links

(13 - 14 oz.), Grillers (14 oz.)
or Smoked or Polish Sausage
(12 - 14 oz.)

2/\$7

lb.



Select Varieties

Jimmy Dean Roll Sausage

16 oz.

\$6.99



Select Varieties

Eckrich Smok-y Links

8.3 oz.

2/\$7



Select Varieties

Nathan's Beef Franks

11 - 12 oz.

\$5.99



Select Varieties

Land O'Frost Premium Lunch Meat

9 - 16 oz.
(excludes turkey)

\$5.99



Smithfield

Bacon

Original or Thick Cut
Original or Cherrywood
12 oz.

\$4.99



tasty seafood



Verlasso Atlantic Salmon Fillet

\$12.99

lb.



Our Family Cooked Shrimp Ring with Sauce

10 oz.

\$6.99

Our Family Jumbo Cooked Shrimp

21 - 25 ct., 16 oz.

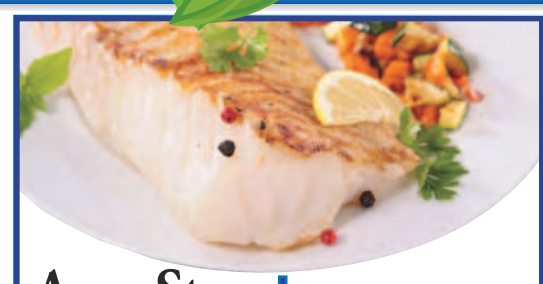
\$11.99

Peeled & Deveined

Our Family Large Raw Shrimp

31 - 40 ct., 16 oz.

\$8.99



AquaStar Cod Fillets

32 oz. pkg.

\$19.99

THANKSGIVING

Sale



**Aunt Millie's
Hawaiian
Rolls**
12 ct.

\$3.29



**French's
Crispy Fried
Onions**
6 oz.

\$3.99



Select Varieties
**Campbell's
Cream Soups**
10.5 oz.

4/\$5



Select Varieties
**Swanson
Broth**
10.5 - 32 oz.

2/\$4



Select Varieties
**Heinz
HomeStyle
Gravy**
12 oz. jar

2/\$4



**Ocean Spray
Cranberry
Sauce**
Whole Berry or Jellied
14 oz.

2/\$5



Select Varieties
**Ocean Spray
Cranberry
Juice**
64 oz. (excludes 100%)

2/\$6

Select Varieties
**Jell-O
Family Size
Gelatin
or Instant
Pudding**
.6 - 6 oz.

3/\$5



Select Varieties
**Betty Crocker
Sliced Potatoes**
4 oz.

2/\$3



Select Varieties
**Pam
Cooking
Spray**
5 - 6 oz.

\$3.99



Select Varieties
**Gatorade
Sports Drink**
28 oz.

3/\$4



Select Varieties
**St. Julian
Wine**
750 ml.

\$8.99



Select Varieties
**White Claw
Hard Seltzer**
12 pk., 12 oz. cans
(plus deposit)

\$19.99



Select Varieties
**C4
Energy Drink**
16 oz.
(plus deposit)

2/\$4

Save at least
\$3.00 on 1

**Indian
Summer
Apple Juice**
64 oz.

2/\$4

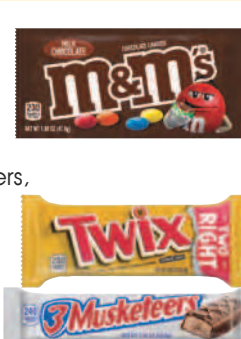


Save at least
\$2.48 on 2

Select Varieties
**Mars
Candy**

3 Musketeer, M&M Plain
or Peanut, Milky Way,
Skittles Fruit Chews, Snickers,
or Twix Bars, each
(regular size only)

4/\$5



Save at least
\$1.76 on 4

Assorted Varieties
**Pepsi
Products**
(24 pk., 12 oz. cans)
(plus deposit); or
Gatorade Sports Drink
(18 pk., 12 oz. btl.)



Assorted Varieties
**Pepsi
Products**
(6 pk., 16.9 oz. btl.)
(plus deposit); or
Propel Fitness Water
(6 pk., 16.9 oz. btl.)

2/\$9

\$10.99

Save at least
\$3.00 on 1

**Coors Banquet,
Coors Light,
Miller Lite, Miller 64
or Molson Canadian**
24 pk., 12 oz. cans
(plus deposit)



\$19.99

Save at least
\$2.00 on 1

Assorted Varieties
**Doritos
Tortilla Chips**
9 - 10.75 oz.



2/\$7

Save at least
\$5.58 on 2

Assorted Varieties
**Coca-Cola
Products**
(8 pk., 12 oz. btl.)
(plus deposit); or
Powerade Sports Drink
(8 pk., 20 oz. btl.) or
Dasani Water
(24 pk., 16.9 oz. btl.)



Assorted Varieties
**Coca-Cola
Products**
12 pk., 12 oz. cans or
10 pk., 7.5 oz. mini cans
(plus deposit)

\$7.99

Save at least
\$1.50 on 1

Select Varieties
**Gold Peak
Tea**
18.5 oz. btl.

2/\$4



Select Varieties
**Utz
Kettle
Chips**
7.5 - 8 oz.

2/\$6

Select Varieties
**Little Debbie
Christmas
Snacks**
6 - 10.5 oz.

2/\$6



Save at least
\$3.58 on 2



Select Varieties

Nestlé Toll House Morsels

9 - 12 oz.

Select Varieties

Betty Crocker Favorites Cake Mix

(13.25 - 14.25 oz.) or Whipped or Rich & Creamy Frosting (12 - 16 oz.)

Crisco Cooking Oil

Canola, Vegetable or Natural Blends

40 oz.

Our Family Powdered or Light or Dark Brown Sugar

2 lb.

Libby's Canned Pumpkin or Pumpkin Pie Mix

29 - 30 oz.

\$4.49

3/\$5

\$3.99

\$2.29

\$3.99



Carnation Evaporated Milk

Regular, Low Fat or Fat Free

12 oz.

Bruce's Cut Yams

40 oz.

Select Varieties

Dei Frateli Canned Tomatoes or Sauce

28 oz.

Select Varieties

DelMonte Canned Vegetables

Corn, Peas or Green Beans

14.5 - 15.25 oz.

Select Varieties

McCormick Brown Gravy Mix

.87 - .88 oz.

2/\$3

\$3.99

2/\$4

5/\$5

3/\$3



McCormick Turkey Gravy Mix

.87 oz.

Select Varieties

McCormick Grinders

.77 - 2.5 oz.

Select Varieties

Dutch Farms Aerosol Whipped Cream

6.5 - 7 oz.

Select Varieties

LaCroix Sparkling Water

12 pk., 12 oz. cans (plus deposit)

Select Varieties

Rhodes Rolls

20.3 - 48oz.

2/\$3

2/\$6

2/\$5

2/\$11

\$4.99



Select Varieties

Betty Crocker Brownie Mix

16.3 oz.

2/\$4

Krispy or Zesta Saltine Crackers

16 oz.

2/\$6

Select Varieties

Our Family Pasta Sauce

23 - 24 oz.

2/\$4

Select Varieties

Aunt Millie's Bread

(22 oz.); or Stadium or Homestyle Hot Dog or Hamburger Buns (8 ct.)



2/\$5

Save at least \$2.38 on 2

Select Varieties

Hellmann's Real Mayonnaise

30 oz. or 20 oz. squeeze



\$5.99

Save at least \$2.00 on 1

Select Varieties

Mueller's Pasta

12 - 16 oz. box



2/\$4

Save at least 78¢ on 2

Our Family Quick or Old Fashioned Oats

18 oz.



2/\$5

Save at least \$2.48 on 2

Our Family Peanut Butter

Creamy or Crunchy

16 oz.



2/\$4

Save at least \$1.38 on 2

Select Varieties

Success or Minute Rice

12 - 14 oz.



2/\$5

Save at least 48¢ on 2

Our Family Bagels

Everything or Plain

20 oz.



Select Varieties

Post Cereal

18 - 29 oz.

\$3.99

Save at least \$2.40 on 1

Select Varieties

Nabisco Chips Ahoy! or Oreo Cookies

11.78 - 19.5 oz.



\$4.99

Save at least \$1.50 on 1

Buy 5, Save \$5 Sale

Buy Any Five (5) Participating Items In One Transaction and Save \$5.00
Mix or Match Any of These Participating Items & Save \$1.00 Off Each. (Multiples of 5) Will Scan at Register



Select Varieties
Oscar Mayer Sliced Bacon
12 - 16 oz.

\$9.99 - \$1.00
\$8.99
When You Buy 5.

Our Family Butter Quarters
Salted or Unsalted
16 oz.



\$3.99 - \$1.00
\$2.99
When You Buy 5.



Select Varieties
Maxwell House Ground Coffee
22 - 33.1 oz.

\$15.49 - \$1.00
\$14.49
When You Buy 5.



Select Varieties
Gevalia Coffee Pods
10 - 12 ct.

\$7.99 - \$1.00
\$6.99
When You Buy 5.



Select Varieties
Gevalia Ground Coffee
10 - 12 oz.

\$9.99 - \$1.00
\$8.99
When You Buy 5.



Select Varieties
Kellogg's or Keebler Crackers
Town House, Toasted or Club
8 - 13.8 oz.

\$3.49 - \$1.00
\$2.49
When You Buy 5.



Select Varieties
Nabisco Snack Crackers
Wheat Thins, Ritz, Triscuit, Good Thins, Better Cheddars, Sociables or Chicken In A Biskit
3.5 - 13.7 oz.

\$3.99 - \$1.00
\$2.99
When You Buy 5.



Select Varieties
Hidden Valley Secret Sauce or Dressing
12 - 16 oz.

\$3.99 - \$1.00
\$2.99
When You Buy 5.



Kraft Jet-Puffed Marshmallows
12 oz.

\$1.99 - \$1.00
99¢
When You Buy 5.



Kraft Miracle Whip
Regular, Spoonable or Light
30 oz.

\$5.99 - \$1.00
\$4.99
When You Buy 5.



Select Varieties
Classico Pasta Sauce
15 - 24 oz.

\$3.49 - \$1.00
\$2.49
When You Buy 5.



Select Varieties
General Mills Cereal
8.9 - 14 oz.

\$2.99 - \$1.00
\$1.99
When You Buy 5.



Select Varieties
Kraft Salad Dressing
14 - 16 oz.

\$3.69 - \$1.00
\$2.69
When You Buy 5.



Select Varieties
Capri Sun Juice Pouches
Regular or Roaring Waters
10 ct. (excludes 100%)

\$3.99 - \$1.00
\$2.99
When You Buy 5.



Select Varieties
Kellogg's Pop-tarts
(12 ct.), Bites or Poppers (5 ct.)

\$3.49 - \$1.00
\$2.49
When You Buy 5.



Select Varieties
Kraft Chunk Cheese
7 - 8 oz.

\$3.29 - \$1.00
\$2.29
When You Buy 5.



Select Varieties
Kraft Cracker Cuts Cheese
7 oz.

\$3.49 - \$1.00
\$2.49
When You Buy 5.



Select Varieties
Kraft Shredded Cheese
7 - 8 oz.

\$3.29 - \$1.00
\$2.29
When You Buy 5.



Philadelphia Cream Cheese
Original or 1/3 Less Fat
8 oz. box

\$2.99 - \$1.00
\$1.99
When You Buy 5.



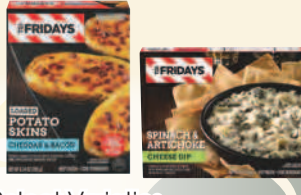
Select Varieties
Philadelphia Cream Cheese
7.5 - 8 oz. tub

\$3.99 - \$1.00
\$2.99
When You Buy 5.



Select Varieties
Ore-Ida Potatoes
22 - 32 oz.

\$4.99 - \$1.00
\$3.99
When You Buy 5.



Select Varieties
TGI Friday's Appetizers
8 - 11 oz.

\$4.69 - \$1.00
\$3.69
When You Buy 5.



Bagel Bites Cheese & Pepperoni
9 ct.

\$2.99 - \$1.00
\$1.99
When You Buy 5.



Select Varieties
Dolly Parton or Marie Callender's Pies
21.6 - 42 oz.

\$5.99 - \$1.00
\$4.99
When You Buy 5.



Select Varieties
Oscar Mayer Carving Board or Deli Shaved Lunch Meat
6 - 9 oz.

\$3.99 - \$1.00
\$2.99
When You Buy 5.



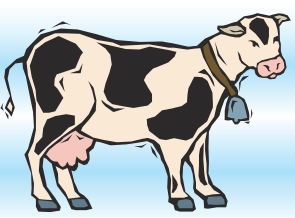
Select Varieties
Cheez-It Snack Crackers
5.75 - 12.4 oz.

\$3.49 - \$1.00
\$2.49
When You Buy 5.

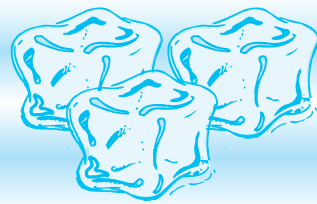


Kraft Deluxe Macaroni & Cheese Dinners
(42 oz.) or Velveeta Shells & Cheese (36 oz.)

\$9.99 - \$1.00
\$8.99
When You Buy 5.



dairy & frozen savings



Select Varieties

**Dean's
Country Fresh
Ice Cream**
48 oz.

\$3.99

Save at least
\$2.00 on 1

Select Varieties

**Coffee mate
Coffee
Creamer**
(28 - 32 oz.) or
Cold Foam (14 oz.)

2/\$7

Save at least
\$3.58 on 2



Select Varieties

**Daisy
Cottage Cheese,
Sour Cream or Dips**
16 oz.

2/\$5

Save at least
48¢ on 2



Select Varieties

**Our Family
Frozen Fruit**
40 oz.

\$7.99

Save at least
\$2.00 on 1



Select Varieties

**Bays
English Muffins**
6 ct.

2/\$6

Save at least
\$2.78 on 2



Select Varieties

**Pillsbury
Biscuits**
(16.3 oz.) or
Rolls (8 - 13.9 oz.)

2/\$5

Save at least
\$2.48 on 2



Select Varieties

**Tropicana
Juice**
Pure or Light
46 oz.

\$3.99

Save at least
\$1.00 on 1



Select Varieties

**Kerrygold
Butter**
7.5 - 8 oz.

\$4.99

**DairyPure
Ultra Pasteurized
Whipping Cream**
16 oz.

\$3.99

**Dean's
Country Fresh
Traditional
Egg Nog**
quart

\$3.99



**Cool Whip
Whipped Topping**

Original, Extra Creamy, Lite
or Sugar Free
8 oz.

\$1.99

Select Varieties

**Pillsbury
Pie Crust**
10 - 12 oz.

2/\$6



Select Varieties

**Jimmy Dean
Breakfast**
12.8 - 18.8 oz.

\$6.99

Select Varieties

**Marie Callender's
Bowls or Pot Pies**
10 - 13 oz.

2/\$7



Select Varieties

**Dean's
Country Fresh
Sherbet**
quart

2/\$5



**Our Family
Vitamin D or
1% Chocolate
Milk**
gallon

\$3.69



Select Varieties

**Pillsbury
Breads or
Cookie Dough**
11 - 16.5 oz.

2/\$7



Select Varieties

**TombStone
Original Pizza**
20.6 - 22.1 oz.

2/\$8



Select Varieties

**Stouffer's
Family Size
Dinners**
30 - 40 oz.

\$7.99



NON-FOOD SAVINGS

Duraflame Indoor/Outdoor Firelogs
4.5 lb.



\$21.99

Select Varieties
Chinet Plates
24 - 70 ct.



\$6.99

Select Varieties
Our Family Designer Plates
24 - 48 ct.



2/\$6

Select Varieties
Our Family Heavy Duty Cutlery
48 ct.



2/\$4

Select Varieties
Glad Kitchen or Trash Bags
Tall or Forceflex, 25 - 68 ct.



\$8.99

Select Varieties
Vanity Fair Napkins
40 - 100 ct.



2/\$6

Our Family Bath Tissue
Ultra Strong or Ultra Soft
12 ct. mega roll



\$9.99

Select Varieties
Purina Busy Bone or Beggin' Strips Dog Treats, 21 - 25 oz.



\$9.99

Select Varieties
Clorox Bathroom Cleaner, 30 oz.



\$4.49

Select Varieties
Clorox Clean-Up Bleach Spray
32 oz.



\$4.99

Select Varieties
Clorox Disinfecting Wipes, 75 ct.



\$4.99

Select Varieties
Windex Spray
Regular or Foaming Aerosol
19 - 23 oz.



\$3.99

Select Varieties
Downy Liquid Fabric Enhancer, 88 oz.



\$9.99

Select Varieties
Downy Infusion Scent Beads (18.2 oz.) or **Liquid Rinses & Refresh** (48 oz.)



\$11.99

Select Varieties
Tide Liquid Detergent
73 - 84 oz.



\$13.99

Shout Laundry Stain Remover
22 oz. trigger



\$3.99

health & beauty and general merchandise

Getting Prepared for
Christmas 2025

Thermal Wine Bag
each
2/\$4



Ceramic Snowman with LED
each
\$15.99



Christmas Gel Stickers
each
\$1.99

Glass Tree
each
\$9.99



Select Varieties
Vehicle Accessory, Gem Kit, Fossils Kit or Vehicles
each
\$8.99



Our Family Turkey Pans
Oval or Rectangular.....



2/\$5

Our Family Foil Pie Pan
3 ct.....



\$3.49

Our Family Foil Cake Pans
3 ct.....



\$3.99

Select Varieties
Tuscany Candles
14 - 18 oz.



\$12.99

TopCare

Select Varieties
TopCare Lotion
16 - 18 oz.



\$5.99

TopCare Hand Soap
50 oz.



2/\$9

Select Varieties
TopCare Cold & Flu
(24 ct. softgels) or (12 oz. liquid)



\$5.99

TopCare Sleep Aid Caplets
24 ct.



2/\$5

Select Varieties
TopCare Vapor Ice Severe
(24 ct. caplets) or (12 oz. liquid)



\$7.99



Word Snap Travel Edition
each.....

\$14.99

Regent Burlap Pine Table Decor
each.....

2/\$6

Motrin Tablets
100 ct.....



\$10.99

Select Varieties
Listerine Total Care Mouthwash
1 liter.....



\$9.99

Select Varieties
Depends Absorb Men's Underwear
26 - 32 ct.....



\$2.00 OFF
Regular Retail

Select Varieties
Suave Essentials Shampoo or Conditioner
22.5 oz.



\$2.49

Select Varieties
Suave Lotion
18 oz.



2/\$8

Pepsodent Cavity Protection Toothpaste
5.5 oz.



\$1.69

Select Varieties
Listerine Mouthwash
1 liter (excludes total care)



\$7.99

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for Weekly Specials, Great Recipe
Ideas and Up-Coming Events!
Come check it out at:
www.villagemarketfoodcenters.com

Store Hours:

• Allegan: Open 6AM - 12AM 7 Days!
• Colon, Decatur & Gobles: Open 7AM - 9PM 7 Days!

We double manufacturer coupons up to and including 50¢ Tuesdays & Sundays!
(see store for details)

VILLAGE MARKET
5% Senior Discount
(55 & Older)
WEDNESDAY ONLY
(Excluding Alcohol, Tobacco Products, lottery, stamps, gift cards, Western Union and money orders)
PLEASE PRESENT COUPON BEFORE STARTING PURCHASE.
COUPON VALID WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025 ONLY!



Happy

THANKSGIVING

• Celebrate with a Feast of Savings! •

Prices Valid November 17 - November 23, 2025

Order your Turkey Dinner from Us!

To assure your meal is ready, please order your Thanksgiving Dinner 48 Hours in Advance.

*\$10.00 deposit Required

Includes Mashed Potatoes (4 lb.), Turkey Gravy (1 lb.), Bread Stuffing and Sweet Potatoes (2 lb.) & Butterball Fully Cooked Frozen Turkey Avg. Size is 11 lb. See Stores for Details.

Cold

Serves 10 - 12

\$69⁹⁹

Hot

Serves 10 - 12

\$74⁹⁹

plus tax



Order your Ham Dinner from Us!

To assure your meal is ready, please order your Thanksgiving Dinner 48 Hours in Advance.

*\$10.00 deposit Required

Includes Scalloped Potatoes (4 lb.), Green Bean Casserole & Sweet Potatoes (2 lb.), Smithfield Spiral Ham Avg. Size is 8 - 9 lb. See Stores for Details

Cold

Serves 10 - 12

\$69⁹⁹

Hot

Serves 10 - 12

\$74⁹⁹

plus tax



Deli

Our Famous

Deli Fried Chicken

50-piece

\$59⁹⁹

Assorted Varieties

Deli Made Cheese Ball

\$6⁴⁹

lb.

Save at least \$2.00

King's Hawaiian Original Hawaiian Rolls

12 ct.

\$4⁹⁹

Save at least \$1.00

Columbus Charcuterie Tray

12.5 oz.

\$16⁹⁹

Save at least \$3.00



Our Famous

Deli Fried Dark Meat Chicken

70-piece

\$69⁹⁹

Select Varieties

Garden Fresh Salsa

16 oz.

\$3⁹⁹

Save at least 80¢

Deep Fried Chicken Wing Zings

\$7⁴⁹

lb.

Save at least \$1.00 lb.

Produce

Fresh

Lemons

each

4/\$3

Select Varieties

Marzetti Vegetable Dip

12 oz.

2/\$7



Fresh & Finest Vegetable Platter

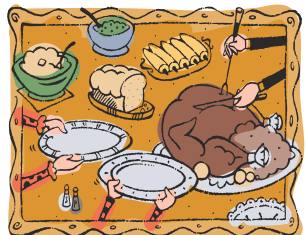
40 oz.

\$13⁹⁹

HELP FIGHT HUNGER!

DONATE-A-BAG

Join Village Markets in helping our neighbors restock their shelves!



- 1.) Select a bag in the store in the amount that you wish to donate (\$10, \$15 or \$20).
- 2.) Pay for the bag when you check out.
- 3.) Drop the bag off in the bin at the front of the store or you may take it directly to a person in need.
- 4.) We will coordinate the delivery of the donated food in the store bins to neighbors in need.



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Dairy

Select Varieties

**Dutch Farms
Cracker Cut
Cheese**

7 oz.

2/\$6



Bakery

Fresh Baked

**Small
Cartwheel
Rolls**, 12 ct.

\$5.99

Save at least \$1.00



Bakery Fresh

**Iced
Cupcakes**

Decorated for
the Holiday, 24 ct.

\$29.99

Save at least \$3.00

Fresh Baked

Dinner Rolls

12 ct.

\$3.49

Save at least \$1.00



Select Varieties

**Dutch Apron
Cake Rolls**

15.5 - 19.5 oz.

\$8.99

Save at least \$1.00

Village Market,
Store Made

Fruit Cake

14 oz.

\$6.99

Save at least \$1.00



Meat

**Smithfield
Anytime
Favorites
Sliced Ham**

1.5 lb.

\$7.99



Select Varieties

**Armour
Meatballs**

20 - 25 oz.

\$5.99

Select Varieties

**Curly's
Pulled Meat**

12 - 16 oz.

\$5.49



Curly's

Baby Back Ribs

24 oz.

\$13.99

**Eckrich
Family Pack
Cocktail Smokies**

28 oz.

\$6.99



Select Varieties

**Eckrich
Family Pack
Smoked or
Polish Sausage**

30 - 42 oz.

\$9.99

**Armour
Summer Sausage**

20 oz.

\$6.99



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Only at Village Market Food Centers

SAVE \$5.00 OFF

**Any Large Deli
Made Party Tray**

one coupon per family, per transaction

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